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INVESTIGATION/BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT SITE 17 GHOULD
ISLAND NS NEWPORT RI
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Re: Responses to EPA comments on the Phase 2 RI/BERA for Gould Island

Dear Ms. Montegross:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Navy's responses to EPA's comments on the Phase 2 RI/BERA for Site 17, Gould Island, in Jamestown, Rhode Island. The Phase 2 RI/BERA was conducted to refine the nature and extent of contamination in the site soil and marine sediment and to interpret exposure data for the ecological risk assessment.

The Navy's response to Specific Comment 12 addressed only the PCB concentrations found in clams and mussels. For those receptors the PCB concentrations from the Northwest Shoreline were significantly less than for the Northeast shoreline and Stillwater Area. However, the PCB concentrations found in crabs were far greater in samples from the Northwest Shoreline as compared to the Northeast Shoreline or Stillwater area. Therefore, EPA believes that the Navy should revise its response to acknowledge these results.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of the Gould Island. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberlee Keckler".

Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager
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