

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

August 4, 1992

Ms. Jacqueline E. Schafer  
Assistant Secretary of Navy for  
Installations/Environment  
United States Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20350

Re: Navy Landfill in Portsmouth, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Schafer:

We are writing to express our concern over the pace of the cleanup process at a Navy landfill located on the Melville Marine Industry Property in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. It has been nine years since the first investigation of this site took place, and today, the owners of the property still do not have a clear understanding of the manner in which the cleanup will be conducted.

It is our understanding that the Navy has not yet completed testing at the site, but hopes soon to begin feasibility studies that would eventually result in a remediation plan. According to the site owners, action by the Navy has been repeatedly delayed.

The lack of progress at the site is understandably frustrating to the site owners. We are asking that the Navy meet with the owners, along with members of our staff, to provide a detailed briefing of both the status of current Navy activities and a timetable for bringing this matter to complete resolution.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald K. Machtley  
U.S. House of Representatives

  
John H. Chafee  
United States Senate

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