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Mr. Steven M. McInnis  
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Dear Mr. McInnis:

SUBJECT: MELVILLE NORTH LANDFILL

I received your letter of February 18, 1998 informing the Navy of the landowner position on the possible cleanup methodologies for Melville North Landfill and your request for involvement in any meetings with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) concerning this issue.

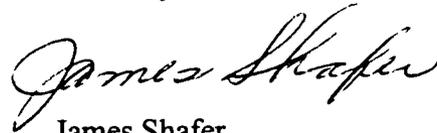
Your client can be assured that we will continue to invite them to all meetings regarding Melville North Landfill. As requested I will notify your office of any proposed meetings.

We would like to meet with the landowner and RIDEM to discuss the appropriate remediation technology for Melville North Landfill. However, prior to our meeting, the Navy must receive RIDEM's review comments on the Site Investigation Report Melville North Landfill submitted to RIDEM on August 1997. The purpose of the report is to determine the *current* nature and extent of contamination at the Landfill. This report presented the results of the site field investigation and the human health risk assessment. Four remedial alternatives were developed based on technologies applicable to site conditions including a soil cover, limited excavation and disposal, groundwater control, administrative controls and monitoring. It was prepared in accordance with the RIDEM Remediation Regulations (DEM-DSR-01-93) and as required by the regulations submitted to the Department of Environmental Management for review and approval. If RIDEM deems the report unacceptable, they are required to identify the reasons why the report is unacceptable and request the Navy to correct the deficiencies. In summary, the site investigation report identified areas of the site where investigations indicate that no further actions are required and four small areas that may require some type of remediation. The site investigation report will be used as the basis for making *final clean up* decisions for Melville North Landfill.

The Navy has screened additional technologies as requested by RIDEM and presented the results in the Additional Technologies Screening Report on January 21, 1998. The Navy requested comments on the Additional Technologies Screening Report by February 18, 1998. Once RIDEM comments are received up to four additional alternatives will be selected for development and evaluation. The results will be reported in an addendum to the SI report. A preferred remedy, which can be a combination of more than one alternative will be selected from the eight potential alternatives.

The type of remediation and the extent of remediation can be addressed once the Navy receives RIDEM's review comments. The Navy is determined to bring closure to the Melville North Landfill site. We look forward to receipt of RIDEM's comments and to having our meeting with your client and the regulators on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Shafer".

James Shafer  
Remedial Project Manager  
By direction of the  
Commanding Officer

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