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Mr. Paul Kulpa  
Rhode Island Department of  
Environmental Management  
235 Promenade St.  
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Dear Mr. Kulpa:

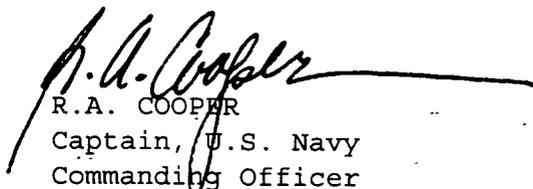
We are writing in response to your letter of March 16, 2001, concerning the Site Inspection Prioritization Report for the STP Sludge Drying Bed (CERCLIS #RID981064306) site.

The Navy constructed a secondary sewerage treatment plant on the site in 1957. The plant included a drying bed to dewater the waste sludge. In 1972, the Melville area was connected to the City of Newport's Wastewater Treatment Facility. As a result, the plant was shut down and the property was determined to be excess by the Navy. The Government Services Administration sold the property to the Rhode Island Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation (RIPAEDC) in 1983. In turn, the RIPAEDC sold the property to the Melville Marine Industry Group in 1984.

The site is a Formerly Used Defense site (FUDs) due to the formal property transfer. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the responsible Department of Defense (DoD) component for the cleanup of FUDs. The DoD delegated this responsibility to the ACOE as stated in Paragraph 5.13 of the Federal Facilities Agreement of 1992. The site is identified as a FUDs (Area 6) in the agreement. Therefore, it is requested that you contact and coordinate this matter with Mr. William Holtham, the ACOE FUDs Manager, at (978) 318-8670.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Melissa Griffin at (401) 841-6375.

Sincerely,

  
R.A. COOPER  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

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