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RE: Old Fire Fighter Training Area, Human Health Risk Assessment, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Shafer,

The State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Management has received the Old Fire Fighter Training Area Human Health Risk Assessment Report dated 11 May 1999. As previously discussed recreational areas in this state are typically evaluated using an unrestricted exposure scenario. The submitted risk assessment report evaluates a series of restricted recreational exposure scenarios. As an illustration, one scenario utilizes an exposure period of twelve days per year. As such, the limited exposure scenarios used in the report would require the Navy to restrict access to the site to twelve days per year to meet the exposure frequency noted in the aforementioned example.

It is the State's understanding that the Naval facility intends to use the park for unrestricted recreational use. If this is the case the exposure scenarios used in the report will not address this use. Accordingly, the report should either be changed to reflect unrestricted recreational use or the report should not be submitted to this agency as an evaluation of recreational use of the site. If the Navy has any questions concerning the above, please contact this Office at (401) 222-2797 ext. 7111.

Sincerely,

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