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Re: Technical Review of the Responses to USEPA Comments on the Draft Final Old Fire Fighting Training Area Marine Ecological Risk Assessment Report

Dear Mr. Shafer:

EPA reviewed the *Navy Responses to USEPA Comments dated September 7, 1999 on the Draft Final Old Fire Fighting Training Marine Ecological Risk Assessment Report* dated July 1999 for technical sufficiency. Overall, the responses to the comments and the revised tables adequately address the majority of EPA's comments. Two exceptions are provided below.

Prior Comment 4 EPA advised that some information was not transferred from Table 6.3-3 to Table 6.3-4. The comment stated that for the Cunner and Pitar, both Heron and Gull risk rankings for OFF-23, presented as low "+" in Table 6.3-3, were not presented in Table 6.3-4. The response states that the information has been transferred to Table 6.3-4. However, in reviewing the latest version of Table 6.3-4 EPA notes that all of the rankings for the Gull have changed from low (+) to baseline (-). This change does not correspond to Table 6.3-3. Therefore, Table 6.3-4 should be changed so that all of the Gull rankings are low (+).

Prior Comment 5 EPA stated that discrepancies had occurred in the translation of information between Tables 6.2-1 and 6.6-1. These discrepancies also affected Table 6.6-3. The response states that these discrepancies have been corrected in the final version of the ERA and that Table 6.6-3 has also been revised. The response also states that these changes did not impact overall risk rankings and do not require changes in the text. However, changes did occur to the overall rankings in Table 6.6-3. Therefore, changes to the text in Section 7.0 are required.

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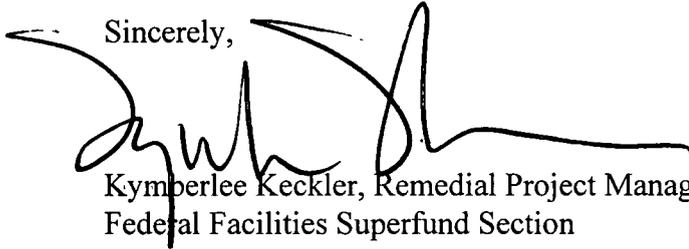
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I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of the Old Fire Fighting Training Area. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberlee Keckler', written over a horizontal line.

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