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Re: Response to Comments on the Proposed Sediment PRG Development on the Old Fire Fighting Training Area at the Naval Station Newport, in Newport, RI (Comments dated February 7, 2001)

Dear Mr. Shafer:

EPA reviewed the *Response to Comments on the Proposed Sediment PRG Development (Comments dated February 7, 2001)* for technical sufficiency, applicable regulations, EPA guidance, generally accepted practice, and the incorporation of EPA recommendations. Overall, the responses regarding development of PRGs and the *Approach for Development of Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for Shoreline and Marine Sediment at the Old Fire Fighting Training Area (OFFTA), Revision 1: March 2001*, were reviewed and found to be appropriate and adequate. However, additional supporting material should be provided to facilitate review and verification of the proposed PRGs. A document similar to that submitted for McAllister Point and Derecktor PRG development should be provided for review so that the proposed PRGs can be validated.

Page B-7 explains that PRGs are not calculated for the six SEM metals because the metals are not expected to cause toxicity owing to the SEM-AVS results. Therefore, ecological PRGs for these metals should not be included in the table of proposed PRGs.

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

Sincerely,

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