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Contract Task Order 0282

Subject: Draft Groundwater Risk Evaluation Report
Old Fire Fighting Training Area (OFFTA)
Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Shafer:

Enclosed for your review and comment are three copies of the Draft Groundwater Risk Evaluation Report for the OFFTA site at Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island. The Groundwater Risk Evaluation is being prepared in partial fulfillment of the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the site. The Draft FS Report addressed contaminated soil and sediment at the site. Based on the comments received from EPA and RIDEM, it was determined that the FS report could not be finalized until an evaluation of groundwater risks was completed and the results incorporated into the FS

The risk evaluation estimates the potential risks to human health resulting from the presence of contamination in groundwater at the OFFTA site and provides a basis for determining appropriate remedial measures, if any, for this medium as part of the Feasibility Study. The risk evaluation was prepared in accordance with the responses to EPA's comments on the human health risk evaluation groundwater exposure parameter tables for the Old Fire Fighting Training Area site that were submitted to EPA on August 14, 2001.

Pursuant to your request, copies of the report have been distributed directly to EPA, RIDEM, and other interested parties. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this transmittal

Very truly yours,


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