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Re: CRMC File No. 2007-04-016 – Federal Consistency Determination, Stone Revetment Replacement, Old Fire Fighting Training Area, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Mr. Colter:

Based on staff review of document entitled "Stone Revetment Replacement Design (30% Submission) for Old Fire-Fighting Training Area...", dated April 2007 by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., the RICRMC cannot concur that the proposal is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the RI Coastal Resources Management Program (RICRMP).

The proposal is generally inconsistent with several enforceable policies and standards contained within the RICRMP, to wit, Section 210.1.C.03 (coastal beaches) and several aspects of Section 300.7 (structural shoreline protection).

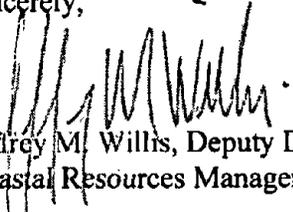
Specifically, revetments, where authorized, must be located "as close as practicable" to the shoreline feature (scarp or bluff) it is designed to protect (Section 300.7.F.1) and must not extend onto the coastal beach (Section 300.7.D.3). Revetment slope is generally recommended to be steeper than the proposed 5:1 slope to minimize encroachment onto adjacent coastal resources, and may approach a maximum slope of 1:1 (Section 300.7.F.6).

Alternative designs which would be more consistent with the RICRMP would include a steeper revetment slope design and excavation of contaminated beach soils, if warranted, and replacement with similar or compatible sediments (grain size, etc).

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At this time, the CRMC cannot concur with the Consistency Determination. Be advised that appeal rights exist pursuant to 15 CFR 930.64(e). Please contact CRMC staff should you have any questions, or require additional information (401-783-3370).

Sincerely,



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