



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-831-5508

CERTIFIED MAIL
P 600 869 138

December 11, 1998

J.C. Wyman, Captain, U.S. Navy
Public Works Officer
Naval Station, Newport
61 Capodanno Drive
Newport, RI 02841-1522

RE: Naval Education and Training Center
Former Building 44, Gould Island (RIDEM LS 2207)

Dear Captain Wyman:

The Office of Waste Management has received and reviewed the Corrective Action Plan, Building 44 (Former Pumphouse), Gould Island prepared by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. on the behalf of the Naval Education & Training Center.

The Office of Waste Management concurs with the proposal to excavate and dispose of the contaminated soil which continues to act as a source of groundwater contamination. However, prior to approval of the corrective action plan the following must be addressed:

Section 4.2.3 Free Product Removal

Through several previous site investigations, the presence of free product has been documented. The most recent information indicates that the layer of free product is approximately 0.15 feet thick covering an area greater than 10,000 square feet. The corrective action plan states that "the RIDEM will be notified to determine subsequent actions" if the presence of free product is observed during the soil excavation project. This is inadequate. The corrective action plan should be amended to include a proposal to recover, treat and dispose of the free product which is expected to be encountered during the soil excavation project.

The necessary amendment should be submitted for review as soon as possible so that the project schedule is not impacted.

Captain J.C. Wyman
December 11, 1998
Page Two (2)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Patrick Hogan at (401) 222-2797 extension 7119.

Sincerely,


Bruce T. Catterall, P.E.
Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Office of Waste Management

cc: Patrick Hogan, RIDEM/ Waste Management
Brian Wagner, RIDEM/ Legal Counsel
Brian Helland, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Peter Palmerino, Naval Education and Training Center
James Forrelli, Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.