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Re. Responses to EPA comments on the Work Plan for On-Shore Site Assessment Screening Evaluation of Derecktor Shipyard at the Naval Education and Training Center ("NETC"), in Newport, RI

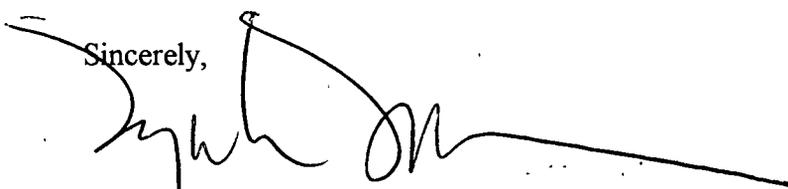
Dear Mr. Krivinkas:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the responses to EPA's comments on the *Work Plan for On-Shore Site Assessment Screening Evaluation of Derecktor Shipyard* dated August 10, 1995. Overall, the responses adequately address the issues raised in EPA's letter dated May 16, 1995. One matter, however, requires further clarification.

EPA commented that "room temperature" probably is not sufficient to volatilize most VOCs and therefore recommended a heated zone to assure adequate and consistent volatilization. The Navy responded that all samples (including QC samples) will be allowed to reach the same temperature and thus the potential for variation would be eliminated. Although EPA agrees that a constant temperature will yield consistent results, without a higher equilibration temperature full volatilization of all compounds may not occur. Consequently, the results may be low-biased or indicate false negatives. Please revise the work plan accordingly.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of Derecktor Shipyard. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



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