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Ms. Kimberlee Keckler
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SUBJECT: FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY, FORMER ROBERT E. DERECKTOR SHIPYARD, NAVAL STATION
NEWPORT, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND; REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Dear Ms. Keckler and Mr. Kulpa:

On April 21, 1999, we met at Newport in order to resolve concerns that the RIDEM had with the approach for development of the preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) for the site referenced above. At that meeting, and during a follow-up phone conference held April 27, 1999, the RIDEM Office of Waste Management stated that they needed an additional two to three weeks to review and render opinion on acceptance of explanations of how portions of these PRGs were developed. The time required by RIDEM to review this material in turn requires the Navy to request an extension on the delivery of the Final Feasibility Study Report (FS).

As you know, the PRGs are integral to many aspects of the FS report, and therefore, it is clear that resolution on the PRGs must be secured prior to completion of that report. Therefore, we request the postponement of the Final FS delivery until after the PRG issues are resolved with the RIDEM. Based on the dates that were provided by Paul Kulpa at the teleconference described above, we anticipate resolution by May 12. Presuming that this date is met, and presuming that the resulting changes to the previous version of the FS are minor, we could deliver the Final FS on June 9, 1999. If the May 12 date is not met by the RIDEM, additional delays will be incurred.

We look forward to working with your agencies in completing the FS for the Derecktor Shipyard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Shafer".

James Shafer
Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

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