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Re: Focused Site Inspection for the Surface Warfare Officers School

Dear Mr. Frye:

EPA reviewed the Draft Focused Site Inspection, Surface Warfare Officers School, Naval Station Newport, dated October, 2005 in light of its adherence to the work plan and technical adequacy. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of the Surface Warfare Officers School. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager  
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Attachment

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## ATTACHMENT A

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Table 6- 4	The list of chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) in groundwater does not include dibenzofuran or acetone even though these two chemicals are selected as COPCs in Table 6-1. Dibenzofuran was detected in MW05 above the screening level according to the analytical results presented in Appendix D2. Acetone was detected in MW01, MW05, and MW05 field duplicate above the screening level according to Appendix D2. In addition, section 4.2 identifies acetone and dibenzofuran concentrations detected above project action levels. Section 6 indicates that acetone was eliminated as a COPC because of its status as a common laboratory contaminant and that dibenzofuran was eliminated as a COPC because it was only detected in one groundwater sample slightly above the screening level. The screening Table 6-1 specifies that these chemicals are COPCs and does not offer the explanation presented in Section 6. Therefore, table 6-4 should be revised to include dibenzofuran and acetone as COPCs in groundwater to be consistent with the rest of the SI report. Given there are only six groundwater samples, it does not seem prudent to eliminate dibenzofuran as a COPC on the basis that it only exceeded the screening level in one of the six samples.
p.6-3, §6.0	Lead is erroneously identified as a groundwater COPC. It appears as if lead is listed instead of manganese.
p.7-3, §7.0	The SI recommends that continued investigation or remediation of SWOS and the area under Taylor Drive be conducted in conjunction with OFFTA. Is the Navy Tiger Team also reviewing SWOS documents so that it can be part of their review?