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RE: U.S. Department of the Navy
Action Memorandum Report
Naval Submarine Base New London
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Dear Mr. Evans:

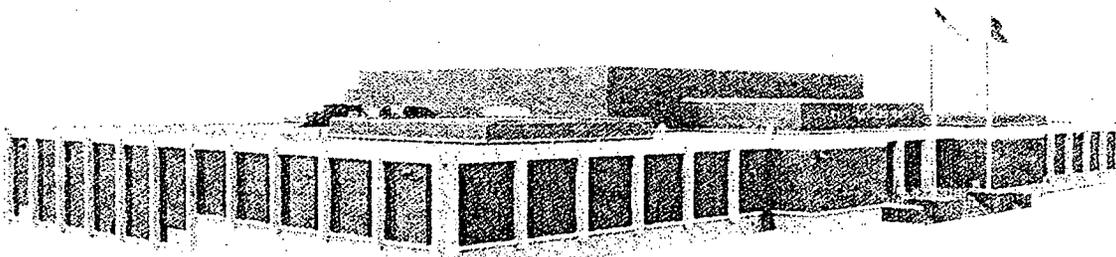
The City of Groton Conservation Commission would like to thank you for allowing an extension to the comment time regarding the above referenced memorandum.

The Commission met last night and submits the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Clarke
Administrative Secretary

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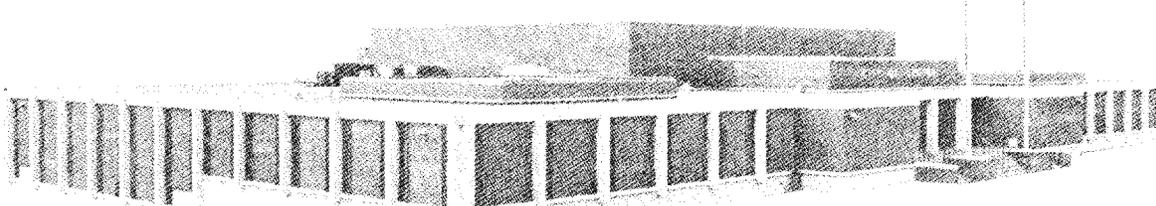
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Dear Mr. Evans:

The City of Groton Conservation Commission wishes to forward the following questions to you to assure our concern has been considered in the referenced memorandum:

1. Has the soil at the landfill area, where submarine batteries have been stored or deposited, been analyzed for cadmium and mercury beyond the area where lead contaminates exist?
2. Is there any possibility of using the New London Dumping Grounds for dredge spoils in Long Island Sound for dumping the contaminated soils during the dredging, disposal, and capping of contaminated spoils for the new "ARDM" pier which will be located just south of the subject landfill area?

Our concern is based on the discovery, during various studies of contamination in Long Island Sound, of cadmium south of the mouth of the Thames River running west to almost the Connecticut River. Cadmium plating is used to prevent rust penetration on steel exposed to salty atmosphere. It is also used in nickel-cadmium batteries. It is highly improbable that the New London dredge spoils dump in Long



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Island Sound is a permanent containment site; because of the twice daily, 2½ foot high tide, whose tidal velocity from an area of approximately 100 miles x 5 miles (500 square miles), a good portion of which runs over the mound of spoils four (4) times every day. Over the years this will gradually expose and spread the contaminates.

We will be looking forward to your answers to our concerns.

Sincerely,



William C. Spicer, Jr.
Chairman Pro tempore

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