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U.S. Department of the Navy  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Northern Division  
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Re: Federal Facilities Agreement Schedule Adjustments for the Naval Submarine Base  
("NSB") in Groton, CT

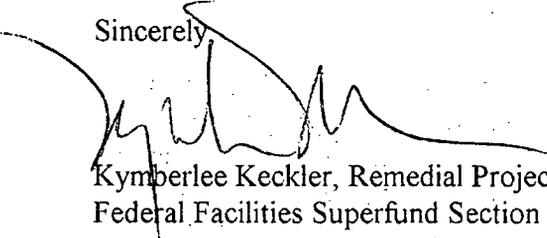
Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter dated September 25, 1996 requesting EPA to extend the Federal Facilities Agreement ("FFA") deadline for the Area A Downstream. In EPA's letter to you dated February 7, 1996, we agreed to extend the FFA deadline for the feasibility study ("FS") until November 1, 1996; a Proposed Plan until August 1, 1997; and a record of decision until December 1, 1997. As such, two of the three extensions that you requested have already been granted. It is unsettling that this letter has gone unnoticed - both in your recent September 25, 1996 letter and in your letter dated June 7, 1996.

While EPA is interested in working with the Navy and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("CTDEP") to develop the Remedial Action Objectives for this site, it is disturbing that you believe the FS will not be completed on time because of this. Moreover, such perpetual extension requests only reflect a lack of advance planning on behalf of the Navy. Although, I am willing to extend the FFA deadline for the Area A Downstream FS until December 2, 1996 as you requested, I cannot guarantee that further extensions for this document will be granted. We should meet soon to discuss the scope of the FS.

I look forward to working with you and the CTDEP toward a cleaner environment and to developing a clear schedule as recommended in my February 7, 1996 letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager  
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