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Re: Submittal Date for First Five-Year Review for the Naval Submarine Base - New London
Superfund Site in Groton, CT

Dear Mr. Evans:

This letter serves to notify the Navy of the date it is required to finalize the first 5-year review for the Naval Submarine Base - New London Superfund Site in Groton, CT. Section 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, requires that remedial actions selected that result in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site must be reviewed no less often than five years after the initiation of such remedial action to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial action being implemented.

Consistent with the provisions of EPA's Supplemental Five-Year Review Guidance, this date is identified by EPA as December 9, 2001. The date is based upon the remedial action start date for the Area A Landfill containment action, which is documented by EPA to be December 9, 1996. EPA's Five-Year Review Guidance is expected to be completed in February 2001. I will send a copy to your office as soon possible.

In order to meet this statutory date, EPA recommends that the Navy submit the draft five year review assessment to EPA and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection by June 9, 2001 to allow for regulatory review and finalization of the document by the December 9, 2001 due date.

In accordance with the Supplemental Five-Year Review Guidance concerning sites with multiple remedies or operable units, the Naval Submarine Base - New London five-year review should cover the **entire site**, even though the due date for the five-year review is based upon the earliest remedial action start date requiring such review. It is therefore possible that the first assessment period at Naval Submarine Base - New London will occur before remedial action at many operable units has begun. I recommend that the five-year review report reference the Federal Facilities Agreement cleanup schedule for those sites that have yet to be remediated or investigated and include a protectiveness statement for sites that have already been remediated.

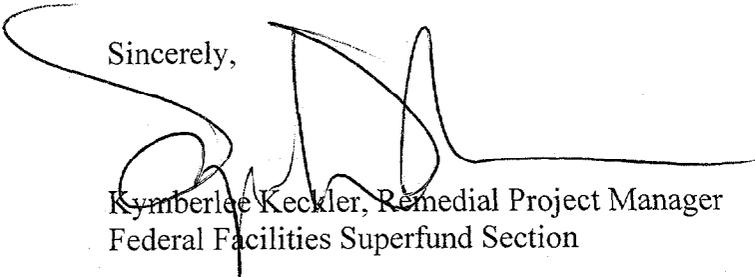
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I look forward to working with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection toward the cleanup of the Naval Submarine Base - New London Superfund Site. Please contact me at (617) 918-1385 to discuss the planning and preparation of the first five-year review for the Naval Submarine Base - New London or should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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