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Re: Responses to EPA's Comments on the Draft First Five-Year Review Report for CERCLA Sites at NSB-NLON

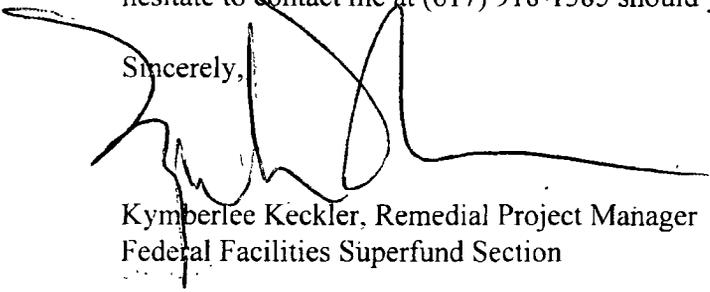
Dear Mr. Evans:

EPA reviewed the *Navy responses to July 10 and 11, 2001 EPA comment letters on the Draft First Five-Year Review Report*. The response document is dated August 31, 2001. EPA's review focused on completeness in addressing previous comments and consistency with discussion at the August 8, 2001 meeting.

Overall, the responses adequately address the previous EPA comments. As agreed during the August 8, 2001 meeting, the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* dated July 2001 will be followed when revising the draft five-year Review document. The following were discussed during the August 8, 2001 meeting, but are not specifically mentioned in the responses. Each section of the report should be reviewed to check that applicable community involvement activities are specified. The ARARs discussions should be revised to specify whether the ARARs are chemical-specific or action-specific. The Connecticut Remediation Standards need to be discussed for each of the sites in the report.

I look forward to working with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to complete the environmental cleanup at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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