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Re: Five-year review for the Naval Submarine Base-New London Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Five-Year Review Report for Naval Submarine Base - New London, Groton, Connecticut*, dated November 2001. Upon review, EPA concurs with the findings that all remedies that have been implemented are protective of human health and the environment.

EPA reviewed the document for compliance with the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance*, EPA 540-R-01-007 (OSWER Directive No. 9355.7-03B-P), dated June 2001. The report includes five-year reviews for twenty-three sites, including the following ten Operable Units: Area A Landfill (OU1), Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (OU2), Area A Downstream Watercourses/Over bank Disposal Area (OU3), Lower Submarine Base (OU4), Goss Cove Landfill (OU5), Spent Acid Storage and Disposal Area (OU6), Area A Weapons Center (OU7), Torpedo Shops (OU8), Basewide Groundwater (OU9), and the Rubble Fill Area at Bunker A-86 (OU10). EPA is pleased to see the Navy reiterate its commitment to following the CERCLA process in accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement - both for 1) operable units that are still in the investigation phase and 2) for operable units where continued operation and maintenance, monitoring, and enforcement of institutional controls are necessary to sustain a remedy that is protective of human health and the environment. Access is restricted where necessary, including most of the sites that have not yet been remediated to minimize potential threats to human health and at sites where restricted access is part of the remedial action.

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As indicated in EPA's letter dated January 10, 2001, this five-year review requirement was prompted by the remedial action start for the Area A Landfill. Consistent with Section 121(c) of the CERCLA, the next five-year review must be finalized on or before December 9, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia L. Meaney".

Patricia L. Meaney, Director
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