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RE: Draft Proposed Plan, Sediment at Area A Wetland, Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Gravette:

The Remediation Division of the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse has received and reviewed the report entitled "Naval Submarine Base- New London, Sediment at Area A Wetland- Site 2B- Operable Unit 12, Proposed Plan" dated March 2010. TetraTech NUS, Inc. prepared the document on behalf of the Navy. The report describes the various options considered by the Navy for addressing contaminated sediment in the Area A Wetland and lists the preferred option.

General Comments

1. Preferred Remedy

The Navy has identified Alternative 3: Excavation, off-Site Disposal and Site Restoration as the preferred alternative. DEP supports this decision as being most protective of human health and the environment. DEP looks forward to working with EPA and the Navy to implement this remedy.

2. Formatting and Language of Proposed Plan

The proposed plan is somewhat complicated and difficult for the non-technical public to understand. The purpose of the document is to explain

as clearly as possible to members of the public the nature of the contamination, the different remedies that were considered, and the reason the preferred alternative was chosen. The proposed plan should to the extent possible, use simple language and minimize the use of acronyms and technical terminology.

Specific Comments

1) Page 1 Introduction

DEP suggests that the last sentence be re-written as follows: "Therefore, sediment with chemical concentrations exceeding PRGs could pose a risk to sediment invertebrates".

2) Page 7 What are Human Health Risks and What Are Ecological Risks

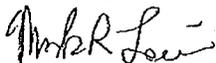
The titles of these two boxes should be re-worded to more clearly reflect that these two boxes describe the risk assessment process.

3) Page 13 Glossary of Technical Terms

The definitions of "Total Aroclor" and "Total DDT" should be modified to clarify that both represent the total concentration of the individual constituents. The definitions as written do not clearly identify that these terms both refer to concentrations of contaminants.

Please contact me at (860) 424-3768 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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