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Re: State Concurrence with Interim Remedy for Groundwater at six sites at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut

Dear Captain Sullivan and Ms. Studlien:

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) concurs with the interim remedy selected by the EPA and the Navy for addressing groundwater contamination at six sites located at the Naval Submarine Base New London, in Groton, Connecticut. These sites include the Area A Downstream Watercourses/ Overbank Disposal Area (Site 3), the Torpedo Shops (Site 7), the Overbank Disposal Area Northeast (Site 14), the Spent Acid Storage and Disposal Area (Site 15), the Solvent Storage Area (Site 18), and the Area A Weapons Center (Site 20).

Groundwater contamination at Sites 3 and 7 exceeds the criteria specified in the State's Remediation Standard Regulations (Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Sections 22a-133k-1 to k-3). The Navy proposes to address groundwater contaminants at these two sites using monitored natural attenuation, together with institutional controls to restrict the use of groundwater. No contamination in excess of State Standards is present in groundwater at Sites 14, 15, 18 and 20. The Navy therefore proposes no further action at these sites.

The remedy is described in detail in the proposed plan dated August 2004, and in the Draft Final Interim Record of Decision dated November 2004.

CTDEP expects that if groundwater monitoring does not show that concentrations of groundwater contaminants are continuing to decline, the Navy will reevaluate remedial options before selecting a final remedy for groundwater.

The Navy proposes to document the restrictions against use of groundwater at Sites 3 and 7 by amending the Base "Installation Restoration Site Use Restrictions Instruction Document". This is acceptable as long as the base remains under the control of the Navy. However, if the property is transferred to another party, CTDEP expects that the Navy would record the appropriate environmental land use restrictions in accordance with Section 22a-133q-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Thank you for your cooperation on this project. We look forward to working with the Navy and the US Environmental Protection Agency toward continued remediation at the Naval Submarine Base.

Yours truly,



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