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Re: Response to USEPA Comments Dated December 13, 2004 on the Draft Sampling Plan for the Pre-Remedial Study at the Torpedo Shops Soil, Operable Unit 8 - Site 7

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Response to USEPA Comments Dated December 13, 2004 on Draft Sampling Plan for Pre-Remedial Study Torpedo Shops, Operable Unit 8 - Site 7, Naval Submarine Base New London Groton Connecticut dated October 15, 2004*. The Navy responses are dated June 3, 2005.

The majority of the Navy responses indicate changes to text, tables and figures will be made in response to EPA comments. However, a few responses indicate that sample numbers and locations will be decided based on actual field conditions and best professional judgement. This approach is adequate as long as the objective of delineating the horizontal and vertical extent of soil contamination exceeding remedial goals is met, confirmatory soil samples are collected after the future excavation, and soil will be excavated until the remedial goals are met.

I look forward to working with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to protect the environs of the Naval Submarine Base. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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