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Re: Final Sampling Plan for Pre-Remedial Study at the Torpedo Shops Soil, Operable Unit 8,
Site 7, Naval Submarine Base New London

Dear Mr. Evans:

EPA reviewed the *Final Sampling Plan for Pre-Remedial Study, Torpedo Shops Soil, Operable Unit 8 - Site 7, Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton Connecticut* dated July 22, 2005. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

The close out report should provide information to verify that the former USTs were closed as part of the state program and adequate sampling was performed to verify that no residual contamination remains in the area of such tanks.

Consideration should also be given to establishing a clean interval where possible so that the vertical limits of the subsequent excavation can be estimated based on the proposed sampling results. This would assist in the design phase for determining volumes of soil to be removed.

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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Federal Facilities Superfund Section

Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

<u>Page</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Table 3	<p>Please clarify that samples collected for moisture content only will not be preserved with methanol.</p> <p>Please clarify that VOC soils analyses will employ EPA Method 5035/8260B.</p>
Appendix B	<p>The excavation permit application (to conduct Geoprobe sampling) lists a start date of July 28, 2005. It is further noted that the revised sampling plan is dated July 22, 2005 and was not (effectively) received by EPA until July 25, 2005. As is always the case, EPA requests agreement on the sampling plan before the work begins. I sincerely hope that the work has not been conducted on the schedule indicated on the permit application. Please provide a revised schedule for conducting the proposed sampling.</p>