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Subject: RESPONSE TO USEPA'S FEBRUARY 26, 2007 LETTER REGARDING
THAMES RIVER VALIDATION STUDY WORK PLAN - DRAFT
ADDENDUM 1

Dear Ms. Keckler:

Thank you for your review of the above referenced documents. The following responses will hopefully address your comments. With your agreement, these responses shall be incorporated into the revised and final document.

Comment 1: The schedule presented in Table 3 is different from what was presented in the January conceptual plan. Previously July was listed as the proposed date for analytical results, now the end of September is listed. What is the reason for the schedule change?

Response:

The schedule provided in the Addendum reflects schedule constraints and coordination logistics that are necessary between the chemistry and toxicity laboratories. This is a conservative schedule for completing the required analyses and should be viewed as a not to exceed date. The Navy will make the data available immediately following the validation process.

Comment 2: The coordinate system should be identified. The coordinate system presented on Table 4 for the proposed sample locations and that presented on the attachment A chemistry data tables differ from the one used in the December 2004 survey report (CT State Plane NAD 83). The coordinate system to be used in the 2007 field effort should be specified.

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Response:

Easting and northing coordinates were determined using Corpscon 6.0.1 software provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.tec.army.mil/>). The final sampling locations are in Connecticut State Plane NAD 27. This will be referenced in the appropriate figures.

We look forward to working with you in conducting the next phase of investigations at the Lower Subbase.

Sincerely,



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