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February 26, 2002

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Re: Final Removal Action Report for the Over Bank Disposal Area Northeast Remediation at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT

Dear Mr. Evans:

EPA reviewed the document entitled Final Removal Action Report for Over Bank Disposal Area Northeast Remediation, dated February 2002. Overall, the responses to EPA comments were adequate. Recommended corrections and changes were made in the final document as requested. Two comments were addressed through clarification provided in the Navy response, they are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward to working with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection on additional environmental remediation projects on the base. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberlee Keckler".

Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager
Federal Facilities Superfund Section

Attachment

cc: Mark Lewis, CTDEP, Hartford, CT
Dick Conant, NSBNL, Groton, CT
Jennifer Stump, Gannett Fleming, Harrisburg, PA

ATTACHMENT A

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p. 4	Section 1.2.4 of the work plan states: "...Areas will be scraped and sampled where equipment, traveling between the excavation and the staging and/or loading area(s), may have tracked potentially contaminated soil...." The sampling and analysis section of the report, however, does not mention these samples. The response specifies that soil was directly loaded from the excavation area onto trucks that shipped the soil off-site. Because there was no tracking of soil into staging areas or off-site, no roadways were scraped and therefore, no samples were collected. This response clarifies that no deviation from the work plan occurred.
Appendix B	The Navy response specifies that Phase II data were used to characterize the excavated soil. This response clarifies that no deviation from the work plan occurred.