



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Re: Responses to EPA Comments on the Draft Site Investigation Report for Pier 33 and Berth 16

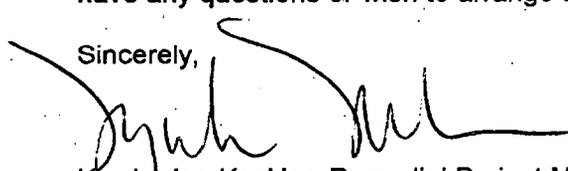
Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Responses to EPA Comments on the Draft Site Investigation report for Pier 33 and Berth 16* dated December 22, 1994. In general, the responses adequately address the comments raised in my letter to you dated September 26, 1994.

When we discussed background soil data on January 4, 1995, we tentatively agreed to the contaminant values/ranges and how they will be used (see the Consensus Statement on this issue). The Site Inspection Report should be revised in light of these agreements and whether the comparisons to background values are still valid (see comment on page 76).

I am pleased that the Navy has agreed to continue investigations in this area either in a Remedial Investigation ("RI"). I look forward to working with you on future investigations and to reviewing the work plan for the RI. I am interested in discussing the usefulness of the TCLP tests to assess the potential for drinking water contamination with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,


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