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Dr. Norbert Jarworski, Director
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Re: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE USEPA RESEARCH LABORATORY
NARRAGANSETT FOR THE ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT AT
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

Dear Dr. Jarworski,

In response to your letter dated 10 March 1993, Northern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command understands and accepts the roles and responsibilities of the USEPA Research Laboratory Narragansett (ERL-N) in conducting the ecological risk assessment at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

It is understood that ERL-N is working under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) established with the Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center (NCCOSC) with their primary role to conduct research in the area of ecological risk assessments in the marine environment. It is also understood that ERL-N does not have any involvement in regulatory management decisions and does not represent the Navy with respect to meeting the RCRA permit requirements. ERL-N's involvement will be with the research and compilation of scientific data in order to "jointly develop techniques for assessing ecological risks" and that it is the responsibility of the Navy to apply the technical results to meet regulatory or management requirements. Additional, Northern Division appreciates the fact that ERL-N will do everything possible to minimize unavoidable delays to assure timely completion of the joint research project.

Northern Division looks forward to continued cooperation and the important contributions being made by ERL-N, NCCOSC and the University of New Hampshire to the Navy's environmental program.

Sincerely,

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