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Mr. Fred Evans
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Re: Comment Response Letter
Draft Phase II Work Plan
On-Shore/Off-Shore Contaminant Fate and Transport Modeling
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Fred:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's response to comments on the above-referenced work plan. In general, the Navy's responses appropriately addressed the EPA's concerns regarding the modeling plan.

In preparing the Phase II Modeling Report, the Navy should consider the following factor and address it in the text.

1. It is possible that there are local areas where the partitioning capacity is minimal or non-existent due to the absence of sediment. The model should consider these areas and make necessary adjustments to partitioning coefficient input values.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617)573-5785.

Sincerely,

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