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Mr. Jeff Brann  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Code 105.5)  
Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000

Re: Navy's Response to Comments  
Historical Radiological Assessment  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Dear Jeff:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's responses our comments on the draft Historical Radiological Assessment for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

In general, EPA found the Navy's responses to our comments to be satisfactory and responsive to the issues raised by EPA. The only inaccuracy/confusion noted was as follows:

Response to Comment #19: The Navy states "The latest EPA survey (1997) specifically compared radium-226 concentrations between on-site and off-site samples, and found no difference in concentrations." This statement is true for the survey conducted by EPA (NAREL) in 1989. However, the data analysis is not yet complete for Ra-226 for the 1997 survey so EPA believes this statement should reference the 1989 EPA survey.

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

Sincerely,

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Remedial Project Manger

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