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February 11, 1999

Mr. Fred Evans
Department of the Navy
Northern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 Industrial Hwy., Mail Stop #82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Navy's Response to Comments on the Draft Groundwater Monitoring Summary Report
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Fred,

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's responses to our comments on the draft document entitled "Groundwater Monitoring Summary Report" for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

In general, the Navy's responses to EPA's comments are adequate and acceptable. The Navy's response to EPA's comment number 2 is acceptable. However, EPA wants to ensure that it is clear that this statement pertains only to OU2, OU3 and OU5 based on information available at this time. Ongoing investigations at new sites or investigations at sites that may be identified in the future may provide additional information related to pesticide detection in various seeps. This additional information may require that groundwater beneath certain areas of PNS be further evaluated for pesticides.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617)918-1387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy".

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Marty Raymond/PNS
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Carolyn Lepage/Lepage Environmental
RAB Members