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September 15, 2000

Mr. Fred Evans
Department of the Navy
Northern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Re: Draft Final Amended Site Management Plan
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Evans:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft final version of the document entitled "Amended Site Management Plan for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine". The document is dated August 2000.

With minor exception, as noted below, the draft final Amended Site Management Plan (SMP) is acceptable to EPA and meets the requirements for an Amended SMP as spelled out in the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA).

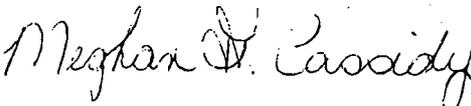
The following minor revisions are necessary:

1. Table 4-1, Page 4-3: There is still one discrepancy between the Relative Risk Ranking information presented in this table and that provided in Appendix B. In particular, the result for Site #26 needs to be clarified.
2. Appendix C, Operable Unit 4 Schedule: The durations shown for Lines 92 and 97 do not appear to be consistent with standard review periods. These should be changed, or the rationale for using these durations provided.

In accordance with Section 12.5 of the FFA, EPA is hereby approving the draft final Amended SMP. The Amended SMP shall be finalized in accordance with Section 12.7 of the FFA.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Meghan F. Cassidy
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