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September 17, 2001

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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 Amended Site Management Plan (SMP) for Fiscal Year 2002 for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

EPA has the following comments on the draft final Amended SMP:

1. The OU6 schedule shows that a DQO meeting will be held within 90 days of the OU3 ROD signature. However, the language in the OU3 ROD requires that this meeting be held within 60 days of ROD signature. The schedule should be changed to reflect this change.
2. The schedule for the Site 26 Decision Document should be updated to show actual dates.
3. The schedule for the Site 27 Decision Document should be updated to show actual dates.
4. EPA believes that the proposed schedule for Site 32, Topeka Pier needs to be reviewed and further discussed. EPA believes that there may be an opportunity to minimize the schedule and produce a Remedial Investigation Report prior to the 2005 proposed date.
5. The schedule provided for Site 34, Oil Gasification Plant (Building 32), is not consistent with the request for extension that the Navy recently requested, and EPA granted. This schedule must be revised.

Overall, EPA believes that the draft final SMP is acceptable and pending the satisfactory revision of the schedules to address the comments provided above the document will be approved.

In accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for this site, within 45 days after Northern Division has received official notification of their budget allocation, the Navy must

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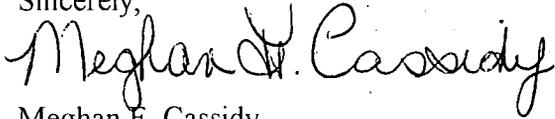
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notify EPA whether the allocated funds are sufficient to accomplish the planned work as outlined in the draft final SMP.

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

Sincerely,



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