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re: Draft Final Technical Memoranda, Landfill Consolidation, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME

Dear Fred:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the documents referenced above. The Department's comments follow. In addition the Department's comments on the Responses to Comments on these documents is included.

Evaluation of MBII Waste Consolidation

- 1. MBII Technical Memorandum Figure 1: The quality of the figure is not acceptable and must be improved. It is extremely difficult to sort out the various features.

Evaluation of Jamaica Cove Options

- 2. 2.1.1, p. 4, 3rd full paragraph

"The impacted area will re-colonize over time..."

Please provide some general estimate of time - months? years? decades? There is a great deal of literature regarding re-colonization of impacted benthic habitat so it should not be difficult to determine this estimate.

- 3. 2.1.6.7 Cost, p. 7

"...detailed cost estimates are included in enclosure (3)."

There are no detailed cost estimates nor an enclosure (3). Please add the detailed cost estimates.

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4. Figures 1, 2 and 3

These figures were much clearer in the January 17, 2002 draft document. Please use those figures in the Final document instead of the Draft Final figures.

5. Figure 4

Text was added to this figure as requested however it is very difficult to read. Please provide a clearer copy (the handwriting is fine, however the copying has made it somewhat illegible).

Responses to Comments , Draft Technical Memoranda

1. The header of the Responses page indicates they are responses to comments from USEPA dated February 20, 2002. This is incorrect. The comments are from MEDEP dated February 21, 2002.

2. Response to MEDEP Comment 6

The Navy did not answer the State's question, "Will the Navy just abandon [a failed salt marsh] or are they committed to replanting in year #3 if there are bare spots?"

The Navy response - "Comment noted" is not acceptable.

3. Response to MEDEP Comment 11

Navy response: "Response to be provided by separate correspondence addressing comments on the Remedial Action Work Plan."

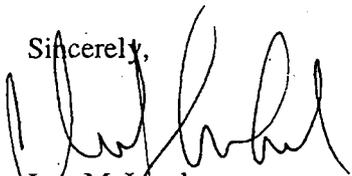
The MEDEP could not find any such response in the Remedial Action Work Plan RTC. Please provide a response.

4. Response to MEDEP Comment 13(b)

Indicate in the footnotes to Table 1 that only maintenance and repair costs for shoreline revetment are included.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-8010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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