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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM U S EPA REGION I REGARDING DRAFT FINAL
PROPOSED PLAN FOR INTERIM ACTION FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4 (OU 4) NSY
PORTSMOUTH ME
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 14, 1998

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

Re: Draft Final Proposed Plan for Interim Action
Operable Unit 4
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Evans:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft final version of the Proposed Plan for Interim Action at Operable Unit 4 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. EPA's comments on this document are provided in Attachment I to this letter.

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

Sincerely,

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

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: Marty Raymond/PNS
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ATTACHMENT I

The following are EPA's comments on the draft final Proposed Plan for the Interim Action at Operable Unit 4 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

1. Page 2, Site Background, para. 2: In the sixth sentence, add commas after "Portable Oil/Water Tanks" and "offshore impact".
2. Page 4, Scope and Role of Operable Unit and Response Action, para 1: In the sixth sentence, replace "final remedial action" with "Navy's preferred remedial alternative". In the seventh sentence, replace "the proposed final remedial action" with "this preferred remedial alternative".
3. Page 5, Summary of Offshore Investigations, para. 2: The text should specify which regulatory standards were exceeded.
4. Page 5, Scope and Role of Operable Unit and Response Action, Table 1: The text or table (possibly a footnote) should include a discussion of why the avian community is not included.
5. Page 7, Table 3: Fencing is an engineering control not an institutional control. Please revise the text.
6. Page 8, Evaluation of the Proposed Interim Action, para. 4: Add "(except No Action)" at the end of the first sentence (which runs over from page 7).
7. Page 8, Evaluation of the Proposed Interim Action, para. 8: Make "no action" "No Action".
8. Page 9, Alternative Evaluation Criteria, last para.: In the last sentence of this paragraph, change "requirement" to "preference".