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LETTER AND MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS ON
DRAFT FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT OPERABLE UNIT 9 (OU9) SITE 34 AND
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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re: Draft Final Feasibility Study Report for OU9 and Responses to Comments, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

Dear Liz,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has completed its review of the subject document. We have one additional comment.

1. Please provide some discussion regarding the ash remaining under the water line. During the 2007 removal action all parties agreed to leave the ash under the line so as to not damage it. However, it is an existing source of contamination and its presence should be indicated in some way, perhaps as a notice in the LUC RD. Presumably the Shipyard's existing excavation policy provides the level of protection needed to prevent unacceptable risk to construction workers that may come into contact with this ash. Please determine if this is the case.

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

Sincerely,

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