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LETTER AND STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FOLLOW-UP COMMENTS TO NAVY RESPONSES TO DRAFT REMEDIAL  
INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT OPERABLE UNIT 8 (OU 8) NSY  
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re: Navy Responses to MEDEP Comments, Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study  
Report for Operable Unit 8, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine.

Dear Linda,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has completed its review of the subject document. In our June 14 comment letter the MEDEP made several comments regarding aspects of the human health risk assessment that either did not follow State of Maine guidance or needed updating. For various reasons the Navy indicated it would not make most of the requested changes. Some of these changes would have resulted in higher risk values.

Normally, we would not accept the Navy's responses that indicated no changes would be made to the risk assessment based on our comments. However, two of the three remedial options evaluated in the Feasibility Study, Land Use Controls and Limited Excavation, protect all receptors evaluated in the risk assessment, including the most sensitive potential future residential receptors (the Navy has never considered using the No Action alternative at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and would not be acceptable to MEDEP).

So while we believe the Human Health Risk Assessment presented in the OU8 RI Report is not entirely accurate, whichever of the two remedies mentioned above is chosen will be protective of all receptors. Therefore, we have no further comments on this report.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 592-2981 if you have any questions (note new contact number).

Sincerely,

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