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August 8, 2000

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

Re: Navy's Response to Comments
Revised OU2 Risk Assessment
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Evans:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's responses to EPA comments on the draft Revised OU2 Risk Assessment. EPA's comments were submitted to the Navy in a letter dated May 9, 2000. The Navy's responses were provided to EPA in a letter dated June 22, 2000.

EPA's only additional comment is provided below. All other responses were satisfactory.

Response to Specific Comment No. 25

The response does not fully clarify if the house dust was set equal (i.e., at 100%) to the outdoor soil lead concentration, than please rerun the model at the model default for house dust (70%). As long as the average concentration was used to represent an exposure area, then the presence of the highest data point in one exposure area should still yield an exposure point concentration representative of an average exposure in that yard. Also, if these same lead exposures were presented in another document (2/99), then why do the results vary (i.e., no results >5% in 2/99 document)?

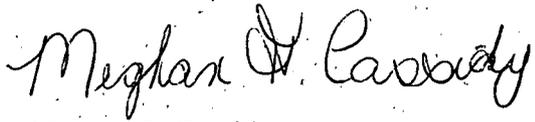
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617)918-1387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager

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