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re: Navy Responses to MEDEP Comments Dated February 13, 2007, Draft RI Report for  
OU1, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

Dear Kirk:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the document  
referenced above. The Department's comments follow.

1. Response to Comment 3: As the response indicates the Navy and MEDEP discussed this issue on March 23, 2007. However, if interpretation of groundwater flow again becomes a concern, MEDEP suggests the water levels be measured using transducers, so that the levels across the site can be evaluated more accurately. The response across the site is very rapid, and hand measurements will not be useful for interpreting a piezometric surface across the site.
2. Response to Comment 15: The response partially addresses the comment, a small plan view frame added to the figure would be a standard addition for any cross-section and should not be difficult to add to the figure.
3. Response to Comment 16: The vault structure is important to the conceptual understanding of the potential release from the tank, which is the focus of much of Navy's source discussion. The vault should be added to the cross-section Figure 2-1, and the text should reflect its construction or refer readers to the relevant figures.
4. Responses to Comments 18 and 34: The 15 inch drain pipe should be added to the conceptual model as a potential source (undelineated). The Navy can note that it is installed at a depth near the bottom of the tidally saturated zone.

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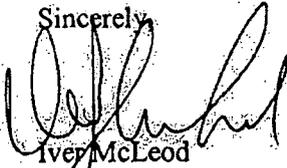
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