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TRANSMITTAL LETTER REGARDING WETLAND FUNCTIONS AND VALUES ASSESSMENT
FOR SITE 4 CODDINGTON COVE RUBBLE FILL AREA NS NEWPORT RI
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Reference: CLEAN Contract No. N62470-08-D-1001
Contract Task Order No. WE48

Subject: Transmittal of Wetland Functions and Values Assessment
Coddington Cove Rubble Fill Area, Site 04
Naval Station Newport, Newport RI

Dear Ms. Lombardo, Ms. Crump, Mr. Munney:

On behalf of Ms. Maritza Montegross, U.S. Navy NAVFAC, I am providing to you enclosed a wetland functions and values assessment report for Coddington Cove Rubble Fill Area.

Navy conducted a habitat walkover on October 6, 2011 with an EPA wetland specialist contractor and RIDEM. The purpose of the walkover was to evaluate the habitat quality with regard to the need to conduct a Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA). On October 14, 2011, Navy submitted to the team for review a draft of the wetland functions & values assessment. Comments were received from EPA and incorporated into this draft assessment which summarizes the findings of the walkover. It is recommended that a conference call between Navy and regulators be conducted to discuss next steps with regard to the ecological risk assessment at the site. During that call, a path forward for finalization of the SASE and BHHRA will be determined.

If you have any questions regarding this material, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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