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SUBJ: ADDITION OF NEW STUDY AREAS TO THE NAVAL EDUCATION AND  
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Dear Ms. Keckler:

The Department of the Navy received your letter dated October 26, 2011 that requested seven sites, where releases of asbestos have occurred, be added to the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) pursuant to FFA Section XXXI. The Navy discovered these sites during construction projects. While excavating during these construction projects, the Navy found buried building demolition debris, some of which contained asbestos containing material (ACM). NAVSTA Newport notified the regulators of the discovery of these sites in May 2011.

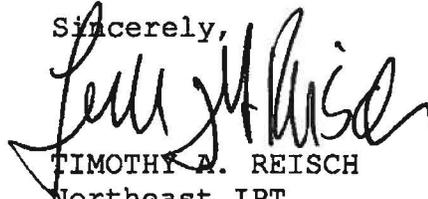
In August 2011, the Navy discussed these ACM sites during the Northeast Environmental Managers' Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting. At the EMEC meeting, the Navy indicated they would assess these locations. This assessment would include a records search, a geophysical investigation of the locations to delineate the extent of the buried debris with ACM, and installation of test pits/borings at each location to assess the buried materials and verify the presence of overburden soils to prevent current exposure to the buried ACM.

The Navy performed the site assessment fieldwork in August and September 2011. The assessment's objective is consistent with the purpose of a Study Area Screening Evaluation (SASE) as specified in the FFA, which is to identify presence and nature of contaminants in order to determine if potential for risk exists. Under separate cover, the Navy sent you the draft report, *Evaluation of Urban Fill, Newport Station Newport*.

The Navy is implementing internal measures to address the remaining uncertainty at locations where ACM may be present due to the potential for unacceptable risk to future construction workers. Further, we propose to pursue a focused feasibility study using the information already gathered, and develop a Proposed Plan and Record of Decision to address this risk. We believe that this will be the most effective path toward establishing adequate protection and risk reduction measures for the contaminants present.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Winoma Johnson at (757) 341-2008.

Sincerely,



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