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TRANSMITTAL LETTER REGARDING THE DRAFT FINAL SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN  
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION FIELD INVESTIGATION FORMER CARR POINT SHOOTING  
RANGE MRP SITE 1, OPERABLE UNIT 9 (OU 9) NS NEWPORT RI  
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**RE: Draft Final Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP)  
Remedial Investigation (RI) Field Investigation  
Former Carr Point Shooting Range (MRP Site 1; OU9)  
Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Rhode Island**

Dear Ms. Lombardo and Ms. Crump:

On behalf of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic (MIDLANT), Resolution Consultants has incorporated comments received during correspondence and discussions related to the planned Remedial Investigation (RI) field investigation at the Former Carr Point Shooting Range (MRP Site 1;OU9). Specific items of note are provided below.

#### Separation of Work Plans

The prior version of the SAP (Draft SAP) combined both this site (MRP Site 1) and the Carr Point Storage Area (IR Site 22; OU10) into one document. Subsequent correspondence and discussions to refine the planned field investigation for this site have been sufficient to produce this Draft Final SAP. However, discussions for IR Site 22 are still ongoing relative to addressing additional historic site features identified by RIDEM. Rather than delay both field investigations, the Navy has prepared the enclosed Draft Final SAP for MRP Site 1. A separate Draft Final SAP for IR Site 22 will be prepared and submitted after resolving how to address the additional site features at that site.

#### Minor Modification to Sediment Homogenization Sequence

As discussed on the conference call held on March 7, 2013, the sediment sampling approach was modified based on agency comments regarding the sieving process. These changes included completing dry instead of wet sieving of sediment samples, with the collection of a subset of wet sieved samples for comparison to the SI sediment data, and collection of whole



sediment samples for AVS/SEM analysis (with the lab to remove visible pellets by hand prior to analysis). However, the sediment processing flow chart (Figure 8) needed to be slightly modified since then based on discussions with the benthic invertebrate sampling laboratory. The samples for the benthic invertebrate community survey will be collected before the sediments are homogenized, to avoid damaging the invertebrates. As requested by EPA, and consistent with discussions, samples collected for sediment chemistry and toxicity will be removed after sediment homogenizing. Worksheet #14 has also been updated to clarify this approach. The agreement to focus the tissue collection effort on shellfish and to collect similar tissue types from both the site and reference locations remains as discussed.

We appreciate the agencies input into this project and would like to mobilize for the MRP Site 1 field investigation this fall (2013) if possible. The Navy Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for this site is listed below.

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