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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN FOR DECISION UNIT 1-1,  
DECISION UNIT 1-2, DECISION UNIT 1-3 ETHYL BLENDING PLANT AND TRANSFORMER  
VAULTS 2 AND 3 SITE 7 TANK FARM 1 OPERABLE UNIT 13 (OU 13) NS NEWPORT RI  
4/14/2015  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1  
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RE: Draft Proposed Plan  
DU 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3 (Ethyl Blending Plant and Transformer Vaults 2 and 3)  
Site 7, Tank Farm 1, OU 13  
Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Portsmouth, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Dolan and Ms. Crump:

On behalf of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic (MIDLANT), Resolution Consultants is pleased to provide this Draft Proposed Plan for DU 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3 at Site 7, Tank Farm 1.

An RI was completed for DU 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3 at Tank Farm 1, with completion of the Final DGA Report (December 2014). For reference, DU 1-1 is the Ethyl Blending Plant (EBP), and DU 1-2 and 1-3 are Transformer Vaults (TVs) 2 and 3. After EPA and RIDEM review of the Draft FS (October 2014) and incorporation of relatively minor comments, the Navy submitted the Draft Final FS (March 2015), which is currently under review by EPA and RIDEM. The FS focuses on soil impacts, because the DGA concluded that groundwater at these DUs warranted no further action.

However, prior to concurring on the Draft Final FS, EPA is questioning the completeness of groundwater characterization at the EBP, as well as the general completeness of groundwater characterization throughout Tank Farm 1. While EPA's questions are being addressed, to comply with the current FFA schedule expectations, we are providing this Proposed Plan per the FFA schedule for EPA and RIDEM review. This initial draft version is consistent with the Navy's position that there is no further site-specific action required for groundwater within the boundaries of the EBP study area. Per the FFA schedule, comments are requested by May 31, 2015 to maintain our date commitments and associated program targets.

Please contact Cindy Castleberry, CTO Manager (781-224-6350), Mark Kauffman, Activity Coordinator (978-905-2262), and/or Jim Gravette, Navy RPM (757-341-2014). We look forward to working with you on this project and working collaboratively to select the final remedy DU1-1, 1-2 and 1-3 at Tank Farm 1.

Sincerely,



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