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RE: Evaluation of Navy Response to Comments on the Technical Memorandum for Supplemental Soil Investigation, Additional Borings Old Fire Fighter Training Area, Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Frye,

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Management has received the Navy's Response to Comments on the Technical Memorandum for Supplemental Soil Investigation, Additional Borings, Old Fire Fighter Training Area, dated March 28, 2005.

In the response the Navy notes that the additional investigation was prompted by comments generated by the USEPA on the draft soil PID report. This contradicts statements made in the Technical Memorandum for Supplemental Soil Investigation, Additional Borings, as in that document the Navy states that the genesis for the additional borings was based upon information generated in the draft PID report, comments from the regulators and the results of the mound removal. The Navy also states that the work plan was generated to address the concerns of the USEPA, and as such the report was submitted to the Office of Waste Management for informational purposes. Please be advised that, independent of the agency generating a particular comment, modifications made to a work plan are subject to approval by both regulatory agencies. Further any work performed at a site, which may ultimately affect the scope of a remedial action, is subject to review and approval by both regulatory agencies. If the Navy has any questions concerning the above, please contact this Office at 401-222-2797, ext. 7111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Kulpa".

Paul Kulpa

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