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Re Final Derecktor Shipyard Marine Ecological Risk Assessment Report

Dear Mr. Shafer

EPA reviewed the *Final Derecktor Shipyard Marine Ecological Risk Assessment Report*, Volume 1, dated May, in light of its responsiveness to our comments dated March 17, 1997. Overall, I am pleased that there are no major outstanding issues. However, we note that the definitions (*see* page 6-45, Section 6.6, Table 6.6-3) were modified to clarify the ranking, but still do not describe the variances from a lack of data. This minor outstanding issue remains since neither the table nor the text describe how rankings are assigned when data are not available.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of Derecktor Shipyard. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberlee Keckler".

Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager
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