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Dear Kimberlee/Jim:

Thank you for the Draft Final Derecktor Shipyard Site Assessment Screening Evaluation Report, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island. Prepared by Brown and Root Environmental, June 1997. NOAA's interest at this site concerns the potential of the onshore sources of contamination to reach, and potentially impact, natural resources and habitat in Narragansett Bay. Clearly, the results of this study indicate that such sources are presently limited and of little concern. NOAA looks forward to working with the Navy and EPA to develop a Feasibility Study and eventual remedy for the offshore portion of the Derecktor Shipyard site.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Finkelstein".

Kenneth Finkelstein, Ph.D.