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Re: Third Five-Year Review for the Naval Submarine Base New London Superfund Site

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Third Five-Year Review for CERCLA Sites at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT*, dated December 2011. EPA reviewed this document in light of its compliance with the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* (OSWER No. 9355.7-03B-P dated June 2001). This statutory review is consistent with the guidance provided in the OSWER directives. Upon review, EPA concurs with the findings that the remedies that have been implemented at the Area A Landfill, the Goss Cove Landfill, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, the Area A Downstream/Over Bank Disposal Area, the Area A Weapons Center, the Torpedo Shops, and Basewide Groundwater are protective of human health and the environment.

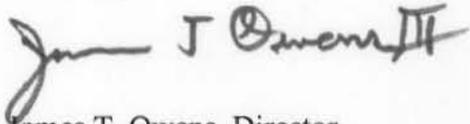
For those operable units that are still under investigation, EPA is pleased to see the Navy's continued commitment to following the CERCLA process in accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement. Access is restricted at most of the sites that have not yet been remediated to minimize potential threats to human health. EPA agrees that the protectiveness of the selected remedies for the sites currently under investigation (Lower Subbase and Sites 9 and 23) and the Area A Wetland that is currently under construction will be evaluated in subsequent five-year reviews.

During EPA's site walkover on April 6, 2011, numerous issues were identified with respect to the on-going maintenance of several remedies currently in place. These issues are summarized appropriately in Table 18-2 of the *Third Five-Year Review* report along with corresponding recommendations to address them. EPA is pleased that the Navy has already put in place plans to correct these deficiencies and looks forward to working with you to ameliorate them and to reviewing the revised instruction.

This third five-year review requirement was established by the first five-year review (completed on December 7, 2001) that was prompted by the remedial action start for the Area A Landfill.

Consistent with Section 121(c) of the CERCLA, the next five-year review must be finalized on or before December 20, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Owens II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "O".

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