



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NORTHERN DIVISION
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND
10 INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY
MAIL STOP, #82
LESTER, PA 19113-2090

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NSB NEW LONDON
5090.3a

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Code 1823/ME

21 MAY 1999

Mr. Mark Lewis
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Management
Permitting, Enforcement & Remediation Division
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

SUBJ: RESPONSES TO CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION (CTDEP) COMMENTS DATED MAY 7, 1999 ON THE DRAFT
FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE GOSS COVE LANDFILL SITE,
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE - NEW LONDON (NSB-NLON), GROTON, CT

Please find enclosed the Navy's responses to your comments
of May 7, 1999 on the Draft Final Feasibility Study for the Goss
Cove Landfill site at NSB-NLON.

The Navy looks forward to finalizing this document and
working with the CTDEP in preparing the Proposed Plan and Record
of Decision for this site. Please call me at (610) 595-0567 ext.
162 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue
further.

Sincerely,

MARK EVANS
Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

Copy to:
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**RESPONSES TO
CTDEP'S MAY 7, 1999 COMMENT LETTER
REGARDING THE MARCH 1999
DRAFT FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY
FOR GOSS COVE LANDFILL
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE – NEW LONDON
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

May 20, 1999

1. Page ES-5, last ¶

Comment: On page 5 of the Navy's January 6, 1998 letter (Specific Comment 2, last paragraph), the Navy agreed to change the third sentence as follows: "Since minimal contaminant migration via the groundwater pathway resulting in minimal ~~has been shown not to be of concern and~~ potential impacts to Goss Cove and the Thames River have been shown ~~to be minimal~~, the reduction in mobility of contaminants via reduction in infiltration is not an environmental-risk driven characteristic required for the cap." Please make the changes previously agreed to.

Response: The text will be revised per the comment.

2. Page 2-10 Table 2-2 Location Specific ARARs

Comment: On page 7 of the Navy's January 6, 1998 letter (Specific Comment 9, first paragraph) the Navy agreed to include the statutes regarding Dredging and Erection of Structures and Placement of Fill in Tidal, Coastal or Navigable Waters (CGS §22a-359 to 363) in the table as Applicable. Please add these statutes to the table.

Response: The tables will be modified to include the State statutes provided.

3. Table 4-7, page 2 of 2, and Table 4-8, page 2 of 2

Comment: Please include the complete citation for the State's Air Pollution Regulations: RCSA §§22a-174-1 to 29.

Response: This correction will be made in the final version.