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Mark Evans
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Northern Division, Code 1823/ME
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

RE: Goss Cove Landfill (Site 8) Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am in receipt of the proposed remediation plan for the Goss Cove landfill site at the Naval Submarine Base, New London. The Department of Agriculture/ Bureau of Aquaculture is responsible for classifying shellfish growing waters in Connecticut. The Naval Submarine Base is located along the Thames River shellfish growing area. All shellfish growing waters within 1000 ft. of the Naval base is classified as "Prohibited" to all shellfish harvesting activities. We commend the Navy's plans to abate and/or contain pollution sources originating from the sub base in Groton, Connecticut.

In the case of the Goss Cove landfill remediation plans, the Navy should address the storm drain pipe which runs through this landfill. If this pipe deteriorates, contaminates in the landfill may begin to leach into the pipe and will become a direct conduit to the Thames River. This drain pipe originates from the ballfield and should be directed around the landfill site. If the drain pipe is only replaced with a tighter and more durable pipe, the existing soil will be disturbed and the excavated trench around the pipe may become a conduit for groundwater in the landfill to reach the Thames River.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact me at (203) 874-0696.

Sincerely,

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