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July 8, 1993:

Ms. Deborah Carlson  
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop #82  
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Re: Corrective Measures Study Proposal

Dear Ms Carlson:

The purpose of this letter is to discuss opportunities to recover time lost to delays in completing the offshore ecological and human health risk assessments and to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard corrective action on a fast track toward completion.

As you are aware the onshore portion of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) was completed on schedule in July 1992 and onshore portions of related reports (Public Health and Environmental Risk Evaluation and Media Protection Standards Proposal) were all submitted to EPA by September 1992. It is EPA's understanding that since that time the Navy has constructively used the time of the contractor principally involved in the onshore portion of the RFI to prepare a draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Proposal in anticipation of its submittal after completion, review, and approval of the offshore portions of the RFI.

EPA would like to request the Navy to submit that draft CMS Proposal now rather than waiting for the permit specified deadline. EPA recognizes that the Navy has not incorporated any of the conditions set on the approval of the RFI and that the draft does not incorporate the Navy's offshore work. EPA does believe that submittal of the existing draft may allow us to give the Navy an approval with conditions of the CMS Proposal and place the onshore portion of the corrective action back on a definite time schedule ahead of when it would occur otherwise.



I am confident the Navy will want to work together with EPA to keep all aspects of the corrective action moving forward at their best possible speed. If you have any questions on this letter please call me at (617) 223-5511.

Sincerely,

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