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RE: Navy Draft Response to MEDEP Comments, Draft Phase II Ambient Air Quality and Meteorological Monitoring Report, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

Dear Jim:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the Navy's draft responses to the MEDEP's Phase II Ambient Air Quality Report comments dated October 17, 1995. The Navy's draft responses were received by the MEDEP on December 22, 1995. The Department's comments are provided below.

Comment #1: The Navy's proposed changes are acceptable.

Comment #2: MEDEP disagrees that Corrective Action for SWMUs are not warranted based on current air monitoring data; data obtained thus far may not absolutely identify the SWMUs of concern, but the data do indicate that on-site sources may be of concern. Either additional monitoring should be performed to identify the SWMUs or Areas of Concern more clearly, or the Navy must demonstrate why additional monitoring is not recommended.

Comment #3: The Navy's response acknowledges that unknown on-site sources of mercury may exist.

Comment #4: It seems that remediation is possible at the "true occurrence" sites.

Comment #5: The Navy's response is acceptable.

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If you have any comments or questions, please call me at 207-287-2651. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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