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Mr. Fred Evans
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Northern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Comment Response Letter
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Fred:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's comment response letter (dated October 22, 1997) on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual. This document was prepared to cover work performed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

EPA's only comment on the SOP Manual at this time is as follows.

- EPA notes that the SOP for Field GC work is set up strictly to provide qualitative information. Field GCs, if set up properly, can offer highly quantitative results that can be used to provide much more than screening information. EPA requests that when field GC work is to be proposed, that we look closely at what type of results would be most beneficial.

With the exception of the comment above, EPA found the responses to comments adequately addressed the concerns raised by EPA in our comment letter dated March 18, 1997.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (617)573-5785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy".

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager

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