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Capt. V.T. Williams, USN  
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Capt. J.W. Zorica, CEC, USN  
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Northern Division  
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Re: Federal Facility Agreement  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Kittery, Maine

Dear Captains Williams and Zorica:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to forward the final Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) to the Navy for signature. The FFA sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the EPA and the Navy with respect to remedial activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). This FFA represents the successful completion of negotiations between EPA and the Department of the Navy, as represented by Northern Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command and PNS.

Negotiations on this FFA were originally initiated in November 1995. In June 1996, negotiations reached an impasse and the PNS FFA was elevated the EPA Headquarters for resolution of issues relating to inclusion/consideration of Navy budget issues within the FFA. As a result of this elevation, EPA and the Department of the Navy developed new "model" language to address this issue on a national level. Based on this new language, negotiations were restarted in October 1997. At this time, the State of Maine elected not to participate in the FFA negotiations for PNS.

Based on the 1997 model language, FFAs between EPA and the Navy were required to include as an appendix a Site Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is the planning document that, among other things, contains timetables and schedules outlining the timing and sequence of work to be performed at PNS.

Given the length of time that has elapsed since the initiation of negotiations on this FFA, EPA requests that the Navy staff this FFA for signature as expeditiously as possible. EPA will sign the FFA upon confirmation of Navy signature. Once signed by both parties, a forty-five day public comment period will be held.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Meghan Cassidy of my staff at (617)918-1387.

Sincerely,



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Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

 Enclosures

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