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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING PHASE 2 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT
FACILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
11/6/1986
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Dear Mr. Chin:

The Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Kearney and Baker Phase II RCRA Facility Assessment Report for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard dated July 1, 1986 (E.P.A. I.D. No. ME7170022019). The Department's comments are as follows:

1. Page 20. Item 3. Industrial Waste Treatment Plant. To determine if the sludge is being handled properly, the Department would like to see the results of the sludge analysis for each batch tested. Where can we obtain this information?
2. Page 15. Fourth Paragraph. Does the clay barrier along the rock dike extend along the entire face of the landfill, or only in the vicinity of the dredge spoils area?
3. Page 22. Item 5. Industrial Waste Outfalls. History of Releases. Are sediment data from Berths 6, 11, and 13, other than that generated by the shipyard, available? If so, where can this information be found?
4. Page 30. Third Paragraph. Who was the outside consultant who did the 1971 study of the Jamaica Island Landfill? If the EPA has this report, the Department would like a copy. If not, where can this report be found?
5. Page 32. Item 9. Mercury Burial Sites. Release Controls. Since the vaults were buried 8 to 10 feet deep, stressed vegetation would not be expected even if there had been a leak. The Department recommends that these sites should be investigated further. Soils close to the vaults should be tested for mercury where cracking or leaking is observed.

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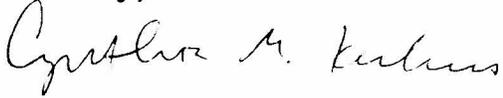
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If you have any comments or questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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