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LETTER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO EXCAVATE THE TRUCK SCALE AT BUILDING 357  
NSY PORTSMOUTH ME  
11/17/1995  
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 03804-5000

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Mr. Peter Blanchard  
State of Maine  
Department of Environmental Protection  
State House Station #17  
Augusta, Me 04333

Mr. Blanchard:

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard proposes to do the excavation for the truck scale at Building 357 in level C clothing. In addition, PID and Flammable gas monitors will be used to assess the situation during the excavation. The excavation will overexcavate the area and backfill with clean fill, as needed. Sampling will be conducted on the soil removed during the excavation for disposal purposes only; analyzing for Toxicity Characteristics, at a minimum. Any water encountered in the excavation will be removed and drained to a drywell constructed on site.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard requests permission to proceed with the excavation for the truck scale, as described above, by November 23rd. This will allow excavation to begin on the 27th. Tim Dunn will submit a letter including the procedure by close of business on 16 November.

Point of contact for any questions is Timothy P. Dunn, Code 121.1, Phone 438-3831.

Sincerely,

*M. Marsh for*

KENNETH W. PLAISTED  
Head, Environmental Affairs  
Office, Acting,  
By direction of the Shipyard  
Commander

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT THROUGH TEAMWORK



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Mr. Blanchard:

A meeting was held to discuss hazardous waste closure activities and Building 357, Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, at 10:30 A.M. on Nov. 14, 1995 with the following people in attendance.

| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>ORGANIZATION</u>  | <u>PHONE NUMBER</u>     |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Tim Dunn        | PNS Code 121.1       | 207 438-3831            |
| H. Revels       | BEC                  | 207 439-0074            |
| Barry Goldstein | BEC                  | 603 929-1616            |
| Denis Gagnon    | PNS Code 121.3       | 207 438-2558            |
| Ron Larrivee    | ROICC (PNS Code 495) | 207 438-4617            |
| Joan Jones      | ME DEP               | 207 278-2651            |
| Robert Burley   | PNS Code 121.4       | 207 438-1756            |
| Peter Blanchard | ME DEP               | <del>207 287-2651</del> |
| Nancy Beardsley | ME DEP               | 207 287-2651            |
| Ann Melville    | ME DEP               | 207 287-2651            |

1. The first item discussed was the excavation for the truck scale at Building 357. All agreed that the State's recommendation to do the excavation in level C is appropriate. In addition, PID and Flammable gas monitors will be used to assess the situation during the excavation. The excavation will overexcavate the area and backfill with clean fill, as needed. Bob Burley clarified that sampling will be conducted on the soil removed during the excavation for disposal purposes only; analyzing for Toxicity Characteristics at a minimum. Any water encountered in the excavation will be removed and drained to a drywell constructed on site. The following tasks must occur prior to excavation:

- a. Demolish the garage (can be done in less than one week);
- b. Move 349 (can be done in less than one week).

2. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard requests permission to proceed with the excavation for the truck scale, as described above by November 23rd. This will allow excavation to begin on the 27th.

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3. Bob Burley mentioned that the pole (consolidation) shed at the HWSF blew over in most recent storm and is demolished. The closure plan cannot be executed as written for this item. After some discussion all agreed that PNS will characterize the debris for HW or non-HW disposal and handle accordingly. Ron Larrivee will issue a contract modification to delete this building decontamination. This modification will be submitted to the DEP.

4. Contractor will use the rolloff pad as decontamination pad (30ftX30ft) with 2-6 mil fiberglass reinforced continuous plastic sheets. In case of high wind it will be disassembled. The decontamination pad will be operational for two weeks, then disassembled until spring. Simple Green to be used to decontaminate the items.

5. A Building 357 update was the next item discussed:

a. Ron Larrivee answered a question about the floor coatings. He said that the floor coatings are the last item of construction. All other work will be done (except equipment moves) prior to coating, maybe completed in the last week of November.

b. Bob Burley stated that the groundwater monitoring last (4th) round is being done now. Bob anticipates a final report the first week of December.

c. Denis Gagnon requested assurance that the building can be occupied administratively now. Yes, all agreed. This will allow Code 121.3 can move into administration area.

d. Denis Gagnon reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting ceremony on Earth Day- April 22nd, 1996.

6. Building 313 closure was discussed next:

a. Bob Burley reminded everyone that Building 313 will be decontaminated next spring. Building 313 decontamination will be discussed at a meeting after the first of the year.

b. Peter Blanchard mentioned that the ME DEP board order should be mentioned in the specification for the closure of Building 313.

c. Peter Blanchard had questions about background samples of wood, asphalt, soil. All agreed to table this issue it will be discussed at a meeting after the first of the year. The contractor stated that they plan to remobilize around April 15th. Peter Blanchard reminded all attendees that there is a 15 day notice to DEP. prior to restarting work. Code 121 will supply this notification.

d. Peter Blanchard recommended deleting "D" on duplicate samples in order to prevent the laboratory from being aware of the duplicates.

e. Peter Blanchard asked for the sample field notes. These will be given to ME DEP through ROICC and Code 121 in the single certification package at end of closure. Ron and the contractor agreed to provide interim updates at the end of the fall activities.

7. Building 298 closure was discussed next:

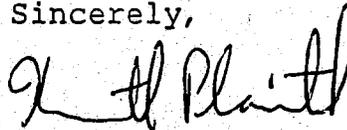
a. Peter Blanchard asked if the building will be demolished. No; closed, out of commission, boarded up with no heat or electricity, but not demolished, was the answer.

b. Nancy Beardsley suggested that any remedial action external to Building 298 be coordinated with DRMO (SWMU #6) remedial action.

8. Building 238 closure was discussed next. Tim Dunn suggested that the Building 238 battery reclamation closure procedure will handle the pit and surrounding area within the building. The bottom of pit drain out, including piping at the bottom of the pit, the manhole and removed underground tank locations will be handled under SWMU #10 cleanup proceedings. All agreed.

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