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LETTER REGARDING THE ISSUE OF SOCCER FIELDS AT NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
11/4/1996
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD



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Mr. Mark Hyland
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Dear Mr. Hyland:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss the issue regarding soccer fields at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. As we discussed in our meeting:

- Soccer is not currently being played on the field located on Jamaica Island Landfill (JILF) Field. Nor are there any plans to use the site for youth soccer in the future. Teams have moved to a field which is lighted in another area of the Shipyard.

- Based on discussions with your personnel, we believe the preliminary calculations over-estimated the potential risk to children playing soccer. As discussed in our meeting with you, to preclude any unnecessary concern in the public, the DEP should clarify that the preliminary risk reviewed by the DEP over-estimated the potential risk and that no immediate health concern exists at the JILF. It may be useful to explain that the risk review is based on very conservative long-term scenarios and that all work to date indicates no risk exceeding either EPA or State guidelines.

- The Navy recognizes its responsibility to adequately address the community's concerns within the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) by performing a risk assessment of the soccer playing scenario for review and comment by MEDEP and USEPA. We also propose this information be presented to the Restoration Advisory Board as soon as possible to answer the community's concerns.

The Navy would like to work with MEDEP and USEPA to improve communications among our organizations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to talk with you. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this issue or other Installation Restoration Program issues, please contact Ms.

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Sincerely,



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