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LETTER REGARDING MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S  
POSITION ON THE USE OF JAMAICA ISLAND LANDFILL SOCCER FIELD NSY  
PORTSMOUTH ME  
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Michael Getty  
c/o Kittery Recreational Department  
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Dear Mr. Getty:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) continues our review of potential health risks to children from playing soccer at the Jamaica Island Landfill (JILF) soccer field located at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. The purpose of this letter is to clarify our position regarding the use of this field.

Currently available evidence, including the Navy's Public Health and Environmental Risk Evaluation Part A: Human Health Risk Assessment Report (1994) does not suggest immediate health risks to children who have played soccer on the field. However, this field is part of an active Superfund site, and is located over a 25 acre hazardous waste landfill which has not been completely characterized nor remediated. While current evidence does not indicate risks above levels of regulatory concern, we feel that further analysis is required to fully evaluate all potential risks. For these reasons, the MEDEP firmly believes that it is inappropriate to permit children to play soccer or any other sport at the JILF field.

For your information, the Navy has indicated that the field has not been used since the fall 1995 season, nor is any future use for soccer or other activities planned.

The MEDEP, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Navy, and the citizens share the same ultimate goal of implementing a protective remedy at the JILF and other sites at the Shipyard. We encourage you and other town officials and interested citizens to participate in the RAB, and to contact MEDEP at any time.

Please call me at (207)-287-7673 if I can provide further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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