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LETTER GRANTING EXTENSION FOR COMMENTS REGARDING DRAFT FEASIBILITY
STUDY REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNIT 3 (OU 3) NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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November 23, 1999

Ms. Carolyn Lepage, C.G.
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Dear Ms. Lepage:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of your letter dated November 19, 1999 regarding a request for extension of the review period for the Draft Feasibility Study (FS) Report for Operable Unit 3 (OU3) at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Your request is based on the fact that the Navy has not provided responses to comments on three documents that provide information in support of the OU3 FS Report. Comments on the FS Report were originally due to the Navy on December 2, 1999. According to your letter, you would like an additional twenty days to complete your review of outstanding information to be submitted by the Navy and the FS Report.

At this point in time EPA is willing to establish an alternative deadline for submission of all comments on the OU3 FS Report. This new deadline will now be December 31, 1999. EPA has been in contact with the Navy and has been informed that outstanding information related to the documents in question (Draft Revised OU3 Risk Assessment, Draft Facility Background Development, and the Draft Final On-Shore/Off-Shore Contaminant Fate and Transport Modeling Phase II Report) will be distributed to all parties over the next two weeks.

While EPA is comfortable in providing this extension until additional information is received from the Navy, EPA must note that we do not consider that each of the above-referenced documents must be finalized before comments can be provided on the FS Report. The team involved with moving the investigation and cleanup of PNS forward (i.e., the Navy, DEP, EPA, RAB members, SAPL etc.) should focus on identifying and resolving those outstanding issues that directly impact the conclusions that provide a basis for the FS Report.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (617)918-1387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy".

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager