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LETTER APPROVING U S NAVY REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR PRELIMINARY
REMEDICATION GOALS FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4 (OU 4) NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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May 2, 2001

Mr. Fred Evans
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Re: Request for Time Extension on the PRG Report for Operable Unit 4
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Evans:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the Department of the Navy's request for a time extension for submission of the Draft Final Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRG) Report for Operable Unit 4 (OU4) for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard National Priorities List Site (PNS). The Navy's request is made pursuant to Section XIII - EXTENSIONS of the Federal Facility Agreement for PNS. The Navy's request was submitted to EPA in a letter dated April 27, 2001. EPA hereby grants this extension for the reasons stated below.

In this extension request, the Navy requests that the deadline for submission of the Draft Final PRG Report be changed from May 1, 2001 to July 10, 2001. This represents a time extension of an 61 calendar days.

The basis for the extension request, as articulated by the Navy, is to provide sufficient time for EPA, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to review the responses to comments and other additional information requested during a technical meeting on this document prior to development and submission of Draft Final PRG Report. The Navy intends to provide this information on May 11, 2001. In addition, a conference call will be scheduled amongst the parties to discuss the information provided in the interim submittal.

The Navy's request for a time extension also addresses how the extension impacts the overall OU4 schedule. According to the Navy's letter, this extension will not impact other work associated with OU4.

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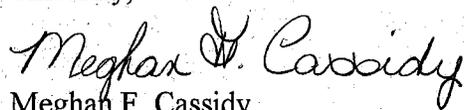
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Based on all of the above, EPA believes that good cause exists to justify the need for a time extension, and EPA hereby agrees to the 61-day extension.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617) 918-1387.

Sincerely,



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