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SITE INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR SITE 34 NSY PORTSMOUTH ME

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September 13, 2001

Mr. Fred Evans, PE
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Re: Request for Time Extension on the Site Investigation Work Plan for Site 34
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 Site Investigation Work Plan for Site 34 at 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 August 23, 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 Site Investigation Work Plan for Site 34 be changed from November 15, 2001 to November 15, 2002. This represents a time extension of 365 calendar days.

The basis for the extension request, as articulated by the Navy, is to enable the Navy to start the Remedial Investigation Work Plan for Site 32. As has been discussed with EPA, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), existing information related to Site 32 indicates that Site 32 should be addressed before Site 34. EPA concurs that this is the appropriate course of action.

Based on the above, EPA believes that good cause exists to justify the need for a time extension, and EPA hereby agrees to the extension as requested.

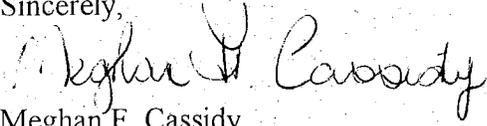
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