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LETTER FROM U S EPA REGION I GRANTING A TIME EXTENSION TO U S NAVY FOR  
OPERABLE UNIT 3 (OU 3) WORK PLAN AND REMEDIAL DESIGN DOCUMENTS NSY  
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July 8, 2002

Mr. Fred Evans, PE  
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Re: Request for Time Extension for Operable Unit 3  
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 Phase II Remedial Design and the draft Phase II Work Plan for Operable Unit (OU) 3 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 July 1, 2002. 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 Phase II Remedial Design for OU3 be changed from July 9, 2002 to August 8, 2002. This represents an extension of 30 calendar days. The Navy also requests an extension of 23 calendar days for submittal of the draft final Phase II Work Plan. This extension would change the due date from July 30, 2002 to August 22, 2002. The Navy's letter indicates that these extensions will allow the Navy to ensure that the United States Army Corps of Engineers is providing a 100% design submittal, and will also enable the Navy to have Foster Wheeler incorporate the information from the draft final Phase II Remedial Design Submittal into the draft Phase II Remedial Action Work Plan.

According to the Navy's extension request letter, implementation of these schedule changes will not delay the start of the Phase II construction. Phase II construction is anticipated to begin in April 2003.

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.

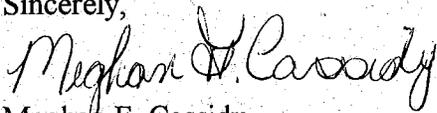
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617) 918-1387.

Sincerely,

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

Meghan F. Cassidy  
Remedial Project Manager

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