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LETTER REGARDING MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CONCURRENCE FOR NO FURTHER ACTION AT THE SMALL ARMS RANGE NSY
PORTSMOUTH ME
12/6/2004
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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re: Preliminary Assessment, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Small Arms Range, October 2004, Malcolm Pirnie.

Dear Fred:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the document referenced above. The MEDEP agrees with the report's conclusion that no further remedial actions related to contamination resulting from the Small Arms Range are necessary. Since soils at the range were excavated and screened as part of the process for constructing the Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility, with screenings transported off-site, it is unlikely that any additional source of lead contamination is present.

However, as part of its background material the report included items of interest.

In Section 2.3 Munitions Related Training/Storage/Usage, p. 2-5, the report indicates that a 1916 map of the prison shows an indoor shooting range. We note that additional historical material from the 1940s discusses acquisitions of firearms for use in the Yard's "Rehabilitation and Restoration Program for general courts-martial prisoners who are scheduled to return to duty."

Since it seems likely such a range did exist are there any records that may indicate what happened to the lead from the firing range? Would it have been disposed of with the general trash?

In addition, the Interview Record for the 8/26/03 interview with Jim Dolph states, "Mr. Dolph gave us a map illustrating the location of the 'dangerous ammo' disposal area."

Please provide details regarding the "dangerous ammo" disposal area. Where was it located and how much use did it receive?

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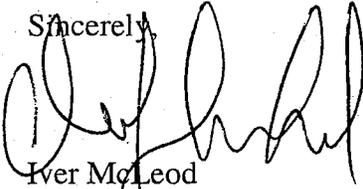
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