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LETTER REGARDING INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION SITE 30 FORMER GALVANIZING TANK
VAULT JULY 2011 NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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Attn: Linda Cole

re: Interim Removal Action, Site 30, Former Galvanizing Tank Vault, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, July 2011.

Dear Linda,

Following our review of the October 13, 2011 Technical Memorandum regarding modification to the removal action for Site 30 and our October 11, 2011 conference call the Maine Department of Environmental Protection agrees that no further action is necessary at Site 30. This conclusion is based on observations of the former tank vault by MEDEP staff on October 5, 2011, discussions presented in the technical memorandum, our discussion during the Oct. 11 call and discussion with the EPA RPM who also observed the site.

The pertinent facts are that the tank vault was in excellent condition with no observable staining, cracks or other damage to the bricks and that groundwater was confirmed not to be the source of water in the vault. In addition, though not mentioned in the tech memo, the acid proof bricks were tested for asbestos and no asbestos was found.

During the site visit MEDEP staff noted yellow residue in some loose material on the upper portion of the vault. According to Mr. Fred Poulin of Shaw Environmental they removed the top two courses of bricks and scrubbed and washed the wall behind them. This washing removed the yellow residue.

Our agreement on the no **further** action decision for Site 30 is contingent upon the Navy addressing any future issues related to the site that present potentially unacceptable risk such as renewed growth of crystals.

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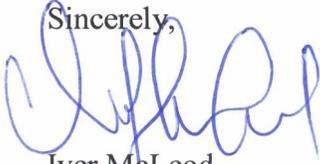
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