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LETTER REGARDING SAMPLING PROPOSAL OPERABLE UNIT 4 (OU4) SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT UNIT 5 (SWMU5) NSY PORTSMOUTH ME  
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Iver and Matt,

This fiscal year we anticipate finalizing the ROD for OU4. The current schedule for finalizing the OU4 ROD is June 2013. The Proposed Plan recommends removing sediment within four areas (MS-01, MS-03, MS-04, and MS-12) with COCs at levels of unacceptable ecological risk and no further action for the remaining 10 areas (MS-02, MS-05 through MS-11, MS-13, and MS-14).

As part of the Interim Offshore Monitoring Program (based on the Revision 1 of the plan, November 2010), the Navy currently performs sampling to assess the presence/levels of sediment contamination and to determine if levels are increasing from sources on base (as required by the interim ROD) until a final remedy is implemented for OU4. The sampling events are scheduled to occur in the Spring. However the timeframe for the final round of sampling (Round 12) and the Final ROD are very close, and all parties are in agreement that removing the contaminated sediment in four areas and no further action for the other areas is the appropriate remedy selection.

While we know the general areas for removal, the precise boundaries have not been defined. Additional sampling would be very beneficial, allowing the Navy to better identify the boundaries for removal. Changing the sediment sample locations for the final round of sampling to focus on the four areas to be removed will provide this benefit, while utilizing funding in an efficient manner and still meeting the intent of the interim ROD.

If you both agree to this plan, the Navy will begin working on the revised sampling plan, with a tentative sampling date in Spring 2013.

Please let me know your opinions on this plan.

v/r,  
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