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LETTER AND THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
COMMENTS TO THE RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TECHNICAL
MEMORANUM PERFLUORINATED COMPOUND USE ASSESSMENT AT PORTSMOUTH ME
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re: Navy Responses to MEDEP Comments, Draft Technical Memorandum, Perfluorinated Compound Use Assessment, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, January 2015.

Dear Linda,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has completed its review of the subject document. We have the following comments.

1. Response to Comment 3.

- a) If any historic plans showing the drain lines leading from Building 79 to Berth 6 exist please include them in the memo.
- b) This response states that sediment in Berth 6 is being removed as part of the OU4 remedial action. This is incorrect. While sediment is being dredged from the area adjacent to Site 10, near Berth 6, no sediment is being removed from Berth 6 as part of the OU4 RA. Has Berth 6 been dredged since 1972 for other purposes? If not, there is a potential for PFCs to be present in the sediment at this location.

Based on the conceptual site model for PNSY any PFCs that may be present would not pose a risk to human health as sediment in that area is inaccessible. Benthic biota may be exposed to PFCs in the sediment. However, there is very little information on the effects of PFCs on biota and therefore currently it is difficult to determine if they may pose a risk to the environment.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-8010 if you have any questions.

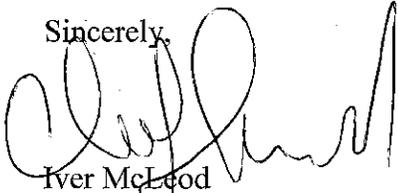
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