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LETTER REGARDING THE U S EPA REGION I REQUEST OF A COPY OF THE NAVY
WRITTEN POLICY ON EXCAVATION ACTIVITES AT NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
03/07/2001
NSY PORTSMOUTH



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD
PORTSMOUTH, N. H. 03804-5000

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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7 March 01

Ms. Meghan Cassidy
Environmental Protection Agency
Region I (Mail Code HBT)
1 Congress Street
Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Ms. Cassidy:

SUBJECT: CONTROL OF EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES AT PORTSMOUTH NAVAL
SHIPYARD

In response to your letter dated October 3, 2000 requesting a copy of the Shipyard's written policy on excavations within sites under investigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), enclosed please find the Shipyard's instruction for control of excavation activities signed by the Shipyard Commander.

In order to prevent recurrence of any unauthorized excavations, the Shipyard has instituted a new program as part of its Solid Waste Operations for control of excavation of soils that includes a permit required for any excavations including those areas designated as Installation Restoration Program sites. The excavation permits are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Division. In addition the standard language in all contracts regarding soil excavation has been modified to contain language requiring the excavation permit.

As requested, also enclosed are the analytical results from the soil excavated from around Building 310.

If additional information is needed, please contact Ms. Marty Raymond at 207-438-2536.

For the Community Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members; if you have any comments or questions on this issue, they can be provided to the Navy at a RAB meeting, by calling the Public Affairs Office at (207) 438-1140 or by writing to:

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Code 106.3R Bldg 44
Attn Marty Raymond
Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth W. Plaisted".

KENNETH W. PLAISTED

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