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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE FINAL PROPOSED PLAN FOR OPERABLE UNIT 8 (OU 8)
AND U S NAVY RESPONSES TO MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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Reference: Contract No. N62470-16-D-9008 (CLEAN)
Contract Task Order No. WE101

Subject: Final Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 8 and Responses to MEDEP Comments on Draft
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS), Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Audet/Mr. McLeod:

On behalf of the U.S. Navy, Tetra Tech is pleased to provide to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I (USEPA) and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) 1 and 2 copies, respectively, of the Final Proposed Plan for OUB. The Navy's responses to MEDEP comments dated October 4, 2016 are also enclosed. Electronic copies of the subject documents are also being submitted via email. USEPA indicated in an email dated October 19, 2016 that they had no comments on the draft document.

The public comment period on the Proposed Plan will be held from November 15 to December 14, 2014. The Proposed Plan provides information (dates, times, and location) for the Public Meeting, which will include an Informational Open House and Public Hearing.

If you have any comments or questions, or if additional information is required, please contact Ms. Linda Cole at 757.341.2011.

For the Community Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members; if you have any comments or questions on these issues, 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
Public Affairs Office
Attn: Danna Eddy
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah J. Cohen'.

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Electronic Copy of Proposed Plan via email

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Mr. Jack McKenna

**RESPONSES TO MEDEP COMMENTS DATED OCTOBER 4, 2016
DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN, OPERABLE UNIT 8
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, KITTERY, MAINE**

1. **Comment:** “Let Us Know What You Think”, p. 1. Correct the sentence “A formal public hearing for OU8 will be held from 8:00 to 8:20 pm, following the public hearing for OU8.”

Response: This text will be corrected and will appear as follows:

*“A formal public hearing for OU8 will be held from **6:30 to 7:00 pm**, following the open house for OU8.”*

2. **Comment:** History inset, p. 2, RI/FS discussion. Revise the last sentence to indicate, “the report concluded groundwater would not adversely impact the offshore...” In addition, consider adding an additional phrase to say why groundwater will not impact the offshore. Possibly, “...based on OU4 data” or “...based upon evaluation of the groundwater data from 1998 and 2016.”

Response: This text will be revised. The final sentence of the RI/FS discussion will appear as follows:

“The report concluded that migration of groundwater from OU8 to the offshore would not adversely impact the offshore area in the future, based on OU4 data collected offshore and evaluation of groundwater data from the 1998 and 2016 investigations.”