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Ms. Pamela Parker
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Re: FUEL OIL SPILLAGE AREA (SWMU #27) INVESTIGATION, PORTSMOUTH
NAVAL SHIPYARD, KITTERY, MAINE

Dear Ms. Parker:

This letter is in response to your 7 April 1992 letter regarding SWMU #27, Fuel Spillage Area under the RCRA Corrective Action. After meeting with you and Mark Hyland on 7 April 1992 and discussing the issues surrounding the Oil Terminal Facility, the Navy has reached a decision regarding the investigation of the Oil Terminal Facility area.

As you are aware, the boundaries of SWMU #27 are not precisely defined in the HSWA Permit. For this reason, during the SWMU #27 RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI), the Navy expanded the soils investigation beyond Berth #6 into areas of Tank #1 and #2. This was done to determine if the tanks and associated piping were a possible source of contamination at Berth #6. As a result of the soils investigation, the Navy's consultant believes that the Oil Terminal Facility is not the source of the contamination along Berth #6. It is believed that past spills from operations and maintenance of the distribution lines in the immediate vicinity of the berth were the source.

Therefore, under the RCRA Facility Investigation it is the Navy's plan to continue to focus on Berth #6. Any further investigation will be limited to the oil distribution lines along the berth and identify any areas where spills may have occurred in the past to satisfy the requirements under the HSWA Corrective Action.

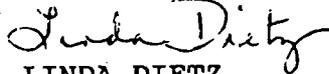
Concurrently, to satisfy the requirements of the Oil Terminal Facility License with the State of Maine, the investigation of the Oil Terminal Facility will continue. This will include the areas surrounding all tanks identified in the license. Specific requirements of that investigation will be coordinated by Mike Hummel, of the Hazardous Waste Management Section at Northern

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Division. I will continue to provide any assistance or information gathered as a result of the RFI to supplement the information required for the Oil Terminal Facility License.

The Navy believes that this is the best way to manage the separate issues and requirements for the two distinct programs. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me or Mike Hummel at (215) 897-6432.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commanding Officer

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