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Reply To: ECL-115

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Dear Ms. Ginn:

EPA Region 10 has reviewed the Second Five Year Review report for the Bremerton Naval Complex (BNC) Superfund site in Bremerton, Washington. EPA reviewed this report for technical adequacy, accuracy, and consistency with EPA guidance.

In general, EPA concurs with the protectiveness determinations in this report. However, in this letter we are highlighting a few points that will need additional followup. As stated in the report, the protectiveness of the remedy implemented at OUB Marine cannot be fully assessed until data from the 2007 marine monitoring event are available and have been reviewed and analyzed. Due to the current dispute between the Navy and the Washington Department of Ecology, release of the 2007 data has been delayed. As you know, the BNC achieved EPA's construction completion milestone in fiscal year 2007. For sites designated as "construction complete", EPA guidance calls for a site-wide protectiveness determination as part of the Five Year Review. However, the project team agreed that a determination of site-wide protectiveness should be deferred pending the assessment of the 2007 marine monitoring data, which will be completed and documented in an addendum to this Five Year Review report. This addendum should be completed by the Navy no later than June 30, 2008.

EPA appreciates the Navy's efforts to complete this Five Year Review. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Harney of my staff at (206) 553-6635.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
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