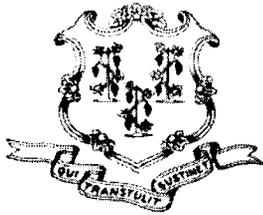
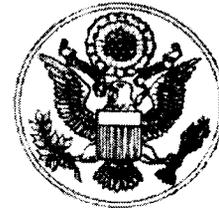


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August 11, 2005

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The Honorable Anthony Principi  
BRAC Commission  
Polk Building , Suites 600 and 625  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Secretary Principi:

We would like to bring to your attention a recent letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that confirms the validity of a 1994 Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) between the U.S. Navy, the State of Connecticut, and the EPA.

This confirmation is important because in testimony before your commission on July 6, Team Connecticut pointed out that the FFA requires the Navy to conduct a complete environmental remediation of Naval Submarine Base New London before transferring the property upon closure. This requirement leads Team Connecticut to believe that the true cost of the environmental remediation at SUBASE New London is substantially higher than the Navy estimate.

We hope you find this information useful as you continue your review of the base closing recommendation for SUBASE New London.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of M. Jodi Rell in black ink.

M. Jodi Rell  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Rob Simmons in black ink, with the name "SIMMONS" written in large, bold letters below it.

Rob Simmons  
Member of Congress



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August 10, 2005

Rob Simmons  
Congressman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
215 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simmons:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 9, 2005, to Administrator Johnson in which you request certification of responsibilities of the United States Navy pursuant to a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) concerning the Naval Submarine Base New London located in New London, Connecticut. Your letter was referred to EPA New England for a response.

The Environmental Protection Agency did enter into a FFA among this agency, the state of Connecticut and the United States Department of Defense in 1994. We will work with officials from the state and the Department of Defense regarding the appropriate interpretation of that FFA.

If you have further questions at this time, please contact Susan Studien, director of our Office of Site Remediation and Restoration. She can be reached at 617-918-1201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Varney Acting For". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert W. Varney,  
Regional Administrator

cc: Gina McCarthy, Commissioner  
CT Dept. of Environmental Protection