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RE: Request For Information, Former Dow Air Force Base

Dear Ms. Newman:

This is in response to your letter of December 10<sup>th</sup> asking for clarification on the Department's Request For Information ("RFI") concerning hazardous substance releases at the former Dow Air Force Base. At this time, it is our intent that the responses focus on just the Fire Training and Landfill areas (as described in the RFIs).

As you noted, the Department possesses extensive information regarding multiple sites, or areas of concern within the former Base, most of which have been, or are in the process of being remediated. However, two of these sites, the Fire Training Area and Landfill, have not progressed toward clean-up due to the inability to date to identify all potentially responsible parties. The RFI received by the City of Bangor, and others, is intended to identify additional parties (if any) to facilitate the investigation and remediation, if applicable of those sites.

We regret any confusion caused by the wording of the RFI, and want to clarify that responses to the RFI should focus on just the Fire Training Area and Landfill. Please note that, should the Department receive information from the RFI, or

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have other reason to believe that there may be additional contamination previously unknown by the Department, we reserve the right to expand the requests. Based on the work done to date, we do not believe that there will be additional contamination discovered.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have questions, or if there is anything that I can assist with. I can be reached at (207)-485-3852 or at [Chris.Swain@Maine.gov](mailto:Chris.Swain@Maine.gov) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Swain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "S".

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