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From: Contracting Officer, SEA 024
To: Document Control Desk, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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Subj: FORWARD - APTIM SURFACE SHIP SUPPORT BARGE (SSSB) DISMANTLEMENT
AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT N00024-C-20-4139, NAVSEA ACTION ON
CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATION TO COMMENCE TRANSPORTATION OF SSSB
PRIOR TO DECOMMISSIONING WORK PLAN APPROVAL

Ref: (a) Interagency Agreement Number 89233019SNR000040 Modification
P00002 dated 19 June 2020, (NRC ML 20177A172)
(b) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ltr "Environmental
Report for Proposed Decommissioning Work Plan for the
Surface Ship Support Barge, Contract N00024-20-C-4139" of
17 Mar 21
(c) NAVSEA memo Ser 08U/21-01792 of 11 May 21
(d) APTIM letter APTIM-501513-0009 of 11 May 21
(e) NAVSEA letter Ser 08P/21-02640 of 14 May 21

Encl: (1) APTIM LETTER APTIM-501513-0009 of 11 May 21
(2) NAVSEA LETTER SER 08P/21-02640 of 14 MAY 21

1. In accordance with reference (a) NRC has agreed to provide support services to the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) to facilitate the decommissioning of the Navy Surface Ship Support Barge (SSSB).
2. As part of the reference (a) scope of work, NRC provided the reference (b) environmental evaluation on the contractor's Decommissioning Work Plan (DWP), which NAVSEA used to discharge its responsibilities for this project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
3. Based on the evaluation in reference (b), NAVSEA determined in reference (c) that categorically excluding decommissioning and disposal of the SSSB from further analysis under NEPA was appropriate. The NEPA categorical exclusion in reference (c) was inclusive of transportation of the SSSB by ocean-going deck barge from Norfolk, VA to the site in Mobile, AL selected by APTIM to conduct the decommissioning work.
4. In reference (d), APTIM requested to commence the open-ocean transit of the SSSB to Mobile, AL prior to approval of the DWP. After completing the transit, APTIM will off-load the SSSB onto land at the decommissioning site, but will not commence any decommissioning work until the DWP is approved.

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5. Reference (e) approved the reference (d) request, based on the reviews documented in reference (b) and reference (c). The SSSB departed Norfolk, VA on 19 May 2021.
6. Reference (d) and reference (e) are included in this letter as Enclosure (1) and Enclosure (2), respectively.
7. The Point of Contact is Mr. Herbert R. Duff, (202) 781-2129, or email: herbert.r.duff@navy.mil.

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