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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

To: APTIM Federal Services, LLC

Via: Contracting Officer, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA 0241)

Subj: NRC RECOMMENDATION FOR SSSB DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT
TERMINATION AND UNRESTRICTED RELEASE OF THE PROJECT SITE;
APPROVAL OF

- Ref:
- (a) Contract N00024-20-C-4139, Surface Ship Support Barge Dismantlement and Disposal
 - (b) APTIM Federal Services, LLC ltr "Surface Ship Support Barge Contract Number N00024-20-C-4139; Submit Decommissioning Work Plan – CDRL A007" of 25 Aug 20
 - (c) APTIM Federal Services, LLC ltr Final Status Survey Phase 1 – ADAMS # ML23186A045 of 3 Jul 23
 - (d) APTIM Federal Services, LLC ltr Final Status Survey Phase 2 - ADAMS # ML23186A045 of 28 Jul 23
 - (e) U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ltr "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Recommendation to Approve Proposed Unrestricted Release for the Surface Ship Support Barge Site, Contract N00024-20-C-4139" of 26 Sep 23

1. Background:

a. On 9 June 2020, the reference (a) firm fixed-price contract for dismantlement and disposal of the Surface Ship Support Barge (SSSB) was awarded to a consortium led by APTIM Federal Services LLC (APTIM) as the prime contractor. As part of the contract scope of work, and Decommissioning Work Plan (DWP) reference (b), APTIM is to deliver a final status survey validating that any land areas and structures meet the decommissioning requirements of the Dismantlement Work Plan (DWP) and 10 CFR part 20 for termination and unrestricted release of the SSSB decommissioning site.

b. The Navy's oversight for this project is described within an Interagency Agreement (IAA) between the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and the NRC included in the reference (a) contract. Under this arrangement, the NRC is to review the SSSB disposal contractor's completion of the DWP, final status survey planning, and survey

results and provide a recommendation to NAVSEA for project termination and unrestricted release of the SSSB site.

2. NAVSEA Discussion:

a. In reference (c) and (d), APTIM submitted final status surveys for the SSSB decommissioning site to demonstrate compliance with the DWP and NRC regulations, as required by the reference (a) contract, for NRC review and NAVSEA approval.

b. In reference (e), the NRC recommends NAVSEA approval of SSSB site termination and unrestricted release of the SSSB decommissioning site and provides a Technical Evaluation Report (TER) that documents the NRC staff review. The NRC TER documents the SSSB dismantlement was performed in accordance with the DWP. The TER also documents that the SSSB final status surveys, including an assessment of dose contributions, demonstrate that the SSSB site meets the criteria for decommissioning site unrestricted release and site termination consistent with 10 CFR part 20.

3. NAVSEA Action: Based on the reference (e) NRC recommendation for approval, and the NRC's documented TER validating compliance with the DWP and NRC regulations during SSSB decommissioning activities, consistent with the reference (b) IAA NAVSEA approves site termination and unrestricted release of the SSSB decommissioning site.

4. The action taken by this letter is considered by the Government to be within the scope of existing contracts and therefore does not involve or authorize any delay in delivery or additional cost to the Government, either direct or indirect.



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