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Dear Dr. Atkinson:

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Fleet Improvement Committee on the status of the *CAPE HENLOPEN Replacement Vessel*. The shipyard pre-qualification process is complete and final review of specifications and drawings is now underway. The projected schedule for the remainder of 2003 is as follows:

June 20 th	Specifications and Drawings complete
August 15 th	Request for Proposals due; begin shipyard evaluations
October 15 th	Shipyard selected
November 1 st	Notice to proceed with Final Design phase
May 2004	Begin construction.

Though we are slightly behind on completing the Preliminary Design phase and proceeding to bid, the construction and delivery targets remain as originally projected.

Sincerely,

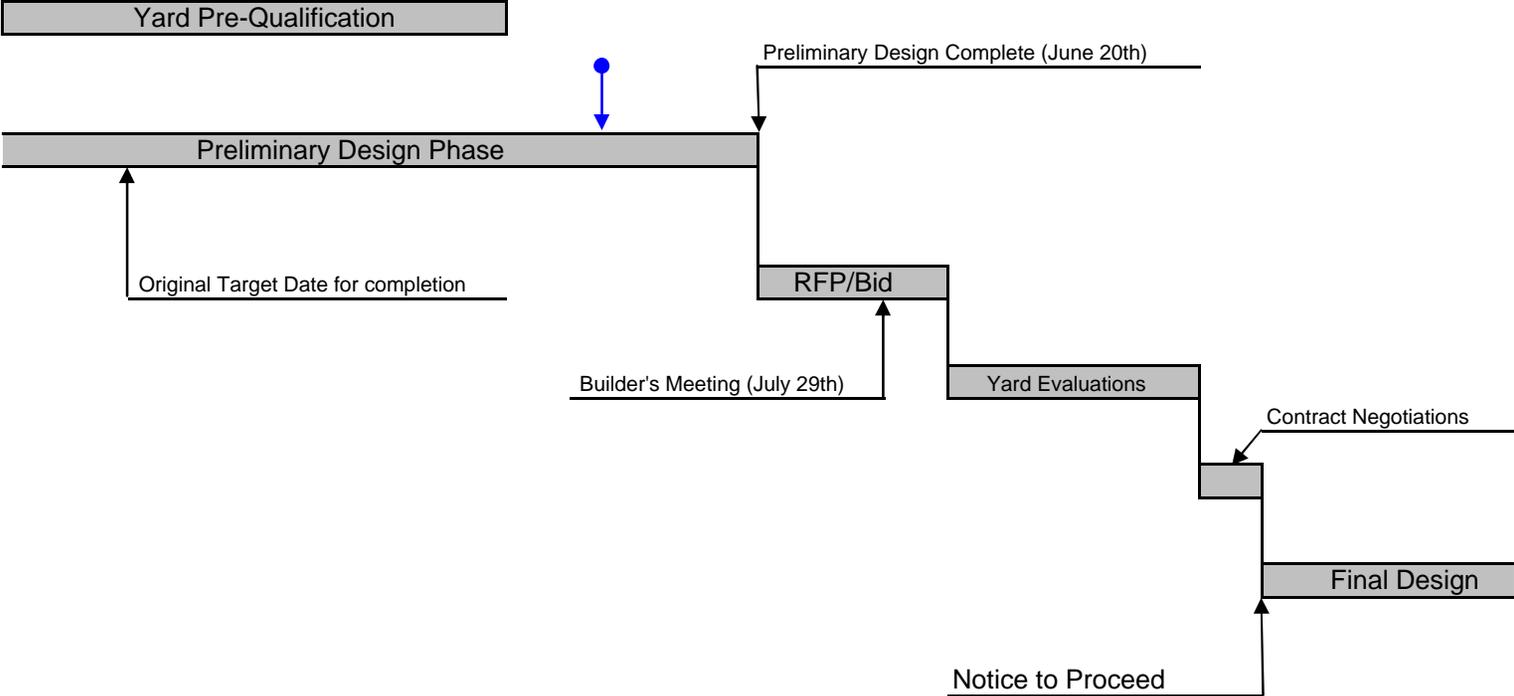
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Enclosures

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Year 2003 Schedule - CHRV Design

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Note:  Indicates current status

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