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State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
Attn: Gloria Fulton
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Gentlemen:

Your order number 83-35 of September 21, 1983, specified requirements for the Navy's proposed closure of the Alameda Naval Air Station Solid Waste Disposal Site and established a schedule of compliance. In our November 26, 1985 letter to you, we advised you that we were attempting to locate an acceptable source of cover material. Our preliminary estimate indicates that at least 35,000 cubic yards of material is required. We have looked at five potential borrow sites which have been found to be unacceptable. We have been able thus far to locate one acceptable site which will provide only about 20,000 cubic yards of cover. A better estimate of the additional cover material still required is being developed by our consultant.

As discussed with Ms. Gloria Fulton of your office, because the former borrow area adjacent to the landfill has been declared wetlands, any cover placed on the wetlands/landfill interface is considered filling of wetlands. Thus, a Corps of Engineers permit will be required for any such work. Cover material placed at the landfill at this time, therefore, will necessarily be kept 15 feet away from the wetlands to avoid "filling of the wetlands" until the proper authorization is granted by the Corps of Engineers. Being weather dependent, earth moving at the landfill of the material obtained from the one acceptable site has been delayed and cannot be accomplished until the material dries out.

Funds remaining for this project are limited; therefore, the preparation of a monitoring plan for this site will be performed under our Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants (NACIP) Program. Our consultant is preparing a detailed work plan for the characterization step of the NACIP Confirmation Study. In the characterization step, on-site investigations will be conducted at this and 3 other sites under study at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, to quantify the extent and migration potential of contamination at each site. After its development, you will be provided with a copy of the work plan for your review and comment. After receipt of your comments, it is expected that the Navy and its consultant will meet with you and representatives of the Department of Health Services to formally present our work plan and to respond to your comments and concerns.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Louise T. Lew at (415)
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Sincerely,

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