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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
Attn: Gloria Fulton
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Oakland, CA 94607

Gentlemen:

Your order number 83-35 of September 21, 1983, specified closure 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 August 27, 1985, letter to you, we advised you that we anticipated completion of the one foot of cover at the site by October 31, 1985, barring any unforeseen problems. In the same letter we informed you of the problems we were encountering regarding the adjacent borrow area being considered a potential wetlands and with the protected bird species found at the site. Since the time of our last correspondence, the protected bird species have left the site as expected and an official determination was made by the Corps of Engineers that the borrow area is a wetlands. We subsequently have attempted to locate another acceptable source of cover material.

As discussed in a phone conversation with Ms. Gloria Fulton of your staff on November 14, 1985, we have not yet been able to locate such a source of cover. Several promising sources were tested and found not to meet permeability requirements. We are currently investigating other potential sources. We will keep you apprised of our efforts in finding an acceptable source of cover.

We are currently in the process of arranging for a contract modification to allow our consultant to prepare a monitoring plan. Because the borrow area adjacent to the landfill has been classified a wetlands, we realize that our monitoring plan will need to address potential impacts to the wetlands as well as to San Francisco Bay. After its development, you will be given an opportunity to review the plan.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this matter to Louise T. Lew of this Command at (415) 877-7497.

Sincerely,
ALEX E. DONG
HEAD, WEST CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

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