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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
Attn: R. James  
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Oakland, CA 94607

Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION, ALAMEDA, REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

As discussed at a meeting with Mr. Lester Feldman and Mr. Ken Theisen of your staff on June 19, 1987, it is our understanding that, as a result of the limited manpower/resources available to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Board's comments on our workplan for our remedial investigation at the Naval Air Station (NAS), Alameda, would be limited only to the landfills under investigation, that comments would not be provided by the Board on the remainder of the workplan for our remedial investigation, and that all Board comments would be coordinated through the Department of Health Services. The Navy is committed to active involvement by regulatory agencies in our remedial investigations. Our intention was to work closely with you throughout our investigation, especially during development of the workplan so that our investigation would address your concerns. We regret that you will be unable to provide such input during our investigation. If this is not consistent with the Board's intentions, please advise this Command by August 17, 1987.

Also discussed at this meeting were the Solid Waste Assessment Test (SWAT) requirements as described in your letter of June 11, 1987. At the meeting, you were informed that our legal counsel was currently investigating the applicability of the Calderon Bill SWAT requirements to the Navy's landfills currently under investigation at NAS Alameda. Our counsel has not yet made such a determination. However, the Navy is committed to moving forward with its program to identify past disposal activities with a view toward providing appropriate remedial actions as sites and circumstances may require. We have already begun a program to investigate the landfills and to take any further action which may be warranted. The workplan for our remedial investigation will address the two landfills of concern and we believe, at this time, that the investigation will satisfy the requirements of the SWAT guidance.

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Future correspondence regarding the landfills should be addressed to:

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With a copy to:

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
P.O. Box 727  
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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, the point of contact is  
Commander, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Attn:  
Louise Lew, Code 1142E, (415) 877-7497).

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Alex E. Dong  
Head, West Central Environmental Section

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