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Mark Malinowski
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Toxic Substances Control Division
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Dear Mr. Malinowski:

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 8, 1989, in which you request that the Naval Air Station Alameda take immediate steps to sample water from six off-base wells. The letter also proposes that we take samples from the "Army" and "Pan-Am" wells located on the Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda and, if appropriate abandon the latter two wells.

It is our position that off-base sampling activities are inappropriate unless there is substantial reason to believe that contamination from Navy sources has migrated off-base. Since there is no evidence to suggest that such off-base migration has occurred, we are of the view that we should not conduct off-base sampling.

If data obtained in the future suggests that there has been off-site migration of contaminants, NAS Alameda will undertake the necessary sampling activities including, where appropriate, off-site well sampling.

With respect to the "Army and "Pan-Am" wells, NAS Alameda will sample the wells as part of the Solid Waste Assessment Test (SWAT) of the 1943-1956 Landfill and the West Beach Landfill. In addition, we are providing analytical test results taken from the Army well as enclosure (1). This well is presently used for irrigation. The test results were primarily for metals and show only trace levels of contaminants. Future tests at the Army well will include the remaining parameters requested in your letter.

The SWAT is scheduled to start in conjunction with the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of NAS Alameda. NAS Alameda presently plans to abandon the "Pan-Am" well.

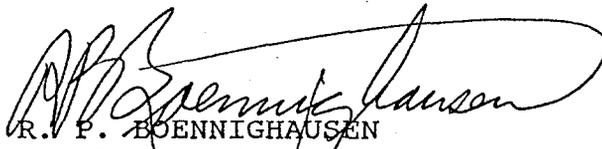
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Sincerely,


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Summary of test methods used for Army well water analysis:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Test Method</u>
Arsenic	EPA Method 7060
Mercury	EPA Method 7470
Selenium	EPA Method 7740
Nitric Acid Digestion	EPA Method 3010
Total Coliforms	Standard Methods 910A
All other metals	EPA Method 6010