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Subj: REDUCTION IN BENTONITE PELLET SEAL THICKNESS FOR SHALLOW
MONITORING WELLS, REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY
STUDY, NAVAL AIR STATION, ALAMEDA

This is to inform you of the change in bentonite seal thickness for the shallow groundwater monitoring wells to be installed during the remainder of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at the Naval Air Station, Alameda.

The Quality Assurance Project Plan specifies a minimum of three feet for the bentonite pellet seal thickness. However, because of the shallow groundwater levels across the site, particularly those noted during the Phase 2A site investigations, the bentonite pellet seal will likely be reduced to between one and one and one-half feet in thickness. This planned thickness is necessary to ensure that a sufficient surface seal consisting of cement bentonite grout will be placed between the bentonite seal and the ground surface.

Thank you for your continued guidance and involvement in the IR program. Please direct any questions to Commander, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Attn: Ms. Bella G. Dizon, Code 1813BD, (415) 244-2551).

Sincerely,

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