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Dear Ms. Lew:

**PROPOSED RELOCATION OF BACKGROUND BORING/WELLS FOR THE RI/FS  
NAS ALAMEDA**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Navy's proposal dated December 19, 1991 to relocate background borings/wells BG1 and BG2.

While the DTSC approves the new locations for borings/wells BG1 and BG2, specific comments from DTSC and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) identified below must be addressed and a revised document submitted by March 2, 1992.

Comments from DTSC and the RWQCB are as follows:

1. Where is the "Table 1" referred to in the section "Chemical Analyses"?
2. Under the section "Reporting" the first three sentences should be modified as follows:

"Analytical results will be compiled to determine statistically valid concentrations of chemical constituents to be considered estimates of the levels of these constituents in the fill material. These levels will then be compared to analytical results from samples collected at sites currently under investigation. Results of the comparison may be used to determine further actions at the sites."

References to what constitutes "background" and "cleanup levels" in the original text have been deleted because those determinations have not been made and agreed upon.

It is important to note that final cleanup levels be derived strictly from health based risk assessment.

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3. Under the section "Chemical Analyses," for clarity, also make a reference to Tables 3.25.3 and 3.25.4 as lists of chemical parameters to be analyzed for ground water.
4. Based on the site visit conducted on January 24, 1992, the location for boring BG-4 is not an acceptable location because of its proximity to buildings and areas that may have on-going or past industrial activities. Therefore, please propose a new location for boring BG-4.

You may however, after receipt of this letter, initiate work on borings/wells BG1, BG2 and BG3 according to your planned schedule.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (510) 540-3817.

Sincerely,



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