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Subj: USS HORNET MUSEUM TOUR BOAT SERVICE AND TOUR BOAT DOCK

Dear Mr. Valeska:

This letter is written to clarify the issue that there is no significant contamination in the sediments beneath the waters in the area between Piers 2 and 3 at the Alameda Point (formerly known as Alameda Naval Air Station). This area has been sampled and studied by the Navy with regulatory agency oversight as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program (IRP) to clean up environmental contamination at Navy installations that has resulted from past Naval operations.

A site can be considered to be contaminated based on contaminants exceeding a screening level called the effects range-medium (ER-M), and in concurrence with the regulatory agencies, the site will be designated an IR site.

The only significant organic contaminant detected are creosote that are residues from treatment of the wood piles along the wharf area which are located away from the piers. The heavy metals sampled were cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, silver, and zinc. All the heavy metals detected were significantly below the ER-M levels. The low levels detected for these heavy metals clearly indicate that this area is not contaminated and will not be considered for further study.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Ronald Yee at (650) 244-2558.

Sincerely,

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Remedial Project Manager

Copies to:
Hornet Foundation: (Attn: Bob Rogers)

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