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Re: Review of the Draft Addendum 1, Offshore Sediment Study Work Plan at Oakland Inner Harbor, Pier Area, Todd Shipyard and Western Bayside, Alameda Point, Alameda, California, August 2006

Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 has received the Draft Addendum 1, Offshore Sediment Study Work Plan at Oakland Inner Harbor, Pier Area, Todd Shipyard and Western Bayside, Alameda Point, Alameda, California, dated August 25, 2006. We have reviewed the aforementioned document and our comments are enclosed.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 972-3002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Xuan-Mai Tran".

Xuan-Mai Tran
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GENERAL COMMENTS

1. For clarity and completeness it would be helpful to include the entire paragraph for which the changes have been proposed. This addendum provides changes to the original work plan (WP) and the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) both dated 2005, but without the context the changes are difficult to evaluate. Please provide the entire paragraph for which changes are being proposed to the original WP.

2. It is unclear whether the outfalls are beneath the pier or if they are beyond the pier as shown on Figure 3-6b. During the site visit, the outfalls were not visible, although they could have been submerged at the time. Please clarify whether subsequent site reconnaissance has clarified the location of the outfalls or if this will be done during the implementation of the work described in Draft Addendum 1. In addition, if the outfalls have not yet been located, please discuss whether the sample locations that target the outfalls (i.e., PAC 20 and 25) will be adjusted to place them at the outfalls.