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**RE: Draft Remedial Investigation Report, Operable Unit 2A, Sites 9, 13, 19, 22 and 23,
Alameda Point**

Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

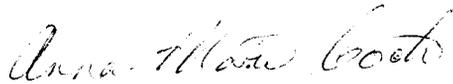
EPA has reviewed the above referenced report, prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc and submitted by the Navy on February 26, 2004. Due to the length and complexity of the Operable Unit 2A sites, EPA and the State requested 45 day extensions on the report at the April 2004 BCT meeting. EPA sent copies of our comments electronically to the Navy on June 17, 2004 and is following up with this cover letter and enclosed hard copy of the comments.

The Remedial Investigation Report for OU 2A presented significant problems with the method used for taking data into the risk assessments performed for each site. Many data results have been inappropriately eliminated from the risk assessments, and the calculated risk therefore cannot be considered representative of the risk associated with each site.

There are a number of other concerns detailed in the enclosed comments. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss, via meetings or conference calls, ways in which the Navy can address our concerns before submitting the Draft Final RI to the agencies. In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement Section 10.7 (e) a Response to Comments and a Draft Final RI for OU 2A need to be submitted by August 28, 2004.

Please call me at (415) 972-3029 to schedule a meeting or conference call to discuss EPA's concerns with this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna-Marie Cook".

Anna-Marie Cook
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