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Mr. Thomas Macchiarella, Code 06CA.TM  
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**RE: Review of Draft Final Groundwater Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for OU  
5 Alameda Point and IR 02 Alameda Annex**

Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

EPA has reviewed the above referenced document, prepared by Engineering/Remediation Resources Group, Inc. and submitted by the Navy on September 13, 2004. The executive summary was exceptionally well presented and, in general, the document addressed the concerns raised during EPA's review of the draft document.

A remaining concern is that EPA believes that the risk from the indoor air inhalation pathway may be underestimated in this Feasibility Study, particularly for naphthalene. However, because the Navy is agreeing to remediate benzene in the groundwater to MCLs as the RAO, the potential risk from the indoor air pathway will be effectively eliminated since the naphthalene and benzene are co-located and will be treated together.

EPA finds the RI/FS satisfactory to move forward to the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision and therefore concurs with the document.

Please call me at (415) 972-3029 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

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