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Subject: Draft Final Feasibility Study Addendum (FSA), Operable Unit 2C, Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 3 and 5
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Mr. Newton:

EPA has completed its review of the subject draft final FSA dated July 2006. EPA had previously submitted comments on the draft of this document in May 2005. We have determined that the Draft Final FSA adequately addresses most of those comments. We have identified one previous comment that we will elaborate on below.

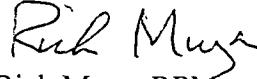
Tables 10-1 & 10-2 – The following was provided as a comment on the Draft FSA:

Table 10-2 – Under “Implementability”, Alternatives 4d, 6a, and 6b are rated as “moderate-high” for Site 5 while Alternatives 6a and 6b (see comment 9 above regarding 4d under Site 3) are rated as “moderate” for Site 3. The implementability rating provided in Table 10-1 for Site 3 would seem to be the more appropriate rating for these alternatives. It is recommended that this discrepancy be corrected.

In the Draft Final FSA the “Implementability” rating for the identified alternatives for Sites 3 and 5 has been changed to “moderate-high”. As stated in our previous comment, the “moderate” rating appears more appropriate for these alternatives when comparing the ratings of other alternatives (ie., Alternatives 3 and 4c as “moderate-high) for this criteria. It is recommended that either the Navy reconsider the rating under “Implementability” for Alternatives 4d, 6a, and 6b or provide a justification for the “moderate-high” rating when compared to the ratings of other alternatives for this criteria.

If you should have any questions/concerns, please contact me at 415-972-3349.

Sincerely,



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