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Subject: Review of Draft Phase II Remedial Investigation Report for Operable
Unit 2B - Site 17, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California

Dear Mr. Mahmoud:

We have reviewed the subject document (six volumes) dated March 1996, prepared by Bechtel National, Inc., on behalf of the Department of the Navy. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (Board) staff have reviewed this submittal for conformance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Division 7 (14 CCR), Chapter 3, Article 7.8. These regulations consist of potential applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements for the Site 17 Landfill.

Based on our review, we submit the following comments:

1. Section 4.3.2, Perimeter Gas Migration Sampling, states that "Four gas migration samples were collected at four sampling stations at Site 2". It appears that this is a typographical error; if so, please correct it, otherwise please provide an explanation.
2. It appears that the field explorations aimed at delineating both the vertical and lateral extent of the landfill were limited to certain portions of the site (based on difficult terrain conditions). Since the field investigation has shown that the site's negative environmental impacts are minimal and since the site will remain as non-irrigated open space, the extent of the field investigations is satisfactory. However, should this site be affected by closure activities at other sites on the base (clean closure and/or landfill consolidation) or other postclosure land use is proposed, further field explorations may be advisable.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (916) 255-1195.

Sincerely,

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