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Gentlemen:

We wish to confirm the discovery of a PCB contaminated site near the foundation slab of Building 503 at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (Disestablished), San Francisco, CA. Contamination was first suspected on 4 September 1985 when construction workers noted an organic odor commonly associated with PCB contaminated oils while excavating a utility trench. Work at the site was immediately halted and this Command was requested to provide technical assistance to verify contamination.

We have recently completed a program of environmental sampling using a private contractor to provide field and laboratory services. We received the final report from the contractor on 10 November 1986 and the findings confirm the presence of PCB in an area near an old transformer pad. We will forward this report to you as soon as possible once we complete our internal review process.

We are currently developing and assessing various remedial measures to correct the problem as quickly as possible. Initially we considered adding this site to the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants (NACIP) Program currently in progress. However we have decided to address this site as a Special Site Investigation Project. We will contact you, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the near future regarding the development of a remedial action plan for the subject site.

Should you require additional information, please contact Mr. Greg Brown in our San Bruno office at (415) 877-7493.

Sincerely,

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