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Subject: Exploratory Excavations

Dear Mr. Powell:

As you may be aware, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has commented several times on the proposed exploratory excavations for Hunters Point Annex (HPA), beginning with those proposed and performed in Parcel A.

U.S. EPA wholly supports the use of interim actions as a means of expediting site cleanup as well as expediting property lease and/or transfer. For that reason, we are anxious to meet with the Navy to discuss the appropriate criteria by which exploratory excavations as proposed by the Navy should be implemented.

The Army, California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) and U.S. EPA have developed for Fort Ord an Interim Action Feasibility Study and Interim Action Record of Decision designed to address the issues that may arise at soil contamination sites at which an interim action is contemplated. These documents may provide a reasonable starting point for the development of criteria for HPA exploratory excavations. For your information, your subcontractor, Harding Lawson Associates, provided technical support to the Army on the Fort Ord project and may have available to it, the documents which were developed.

As above, U.S. EPA is anxious to meet with the Navy to participate in discussions regarding this subject. Please contact me at (415) 744-2409 to schedule a meeting time and location, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alydda Mangelsdorf".

Alydda Mangelsdorf
Remedial Project Manager

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