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Mr. Alvaro Gutierrez  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
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Dear Mr. Gutierrez:

As we discussed at our most recent BRAC Cleanup Team meeting on May 5, 1999, the Navy intends to remove the area known as the Former Long Beach Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration (IR) Site 9 *groundwater area of potential concern* (GWAOPC) 3 from the IR Site 9, 12 and 13 Feasibility Study (FS). This GWAOPC, now referred to as the "deep benzene plume" was originally studied under the Navy's IR Program. However, based on the findings of the Final Supplemental Groundwater Investigation [March 1999], we have determined that the IR Sites 9, 12 and 13 FS would be better served without the inclusion of the deep benzene plume, and that this plume would be better addressed under a separate investigation.

The Navy and the Port of Long Beach (POLB) intend to coordinate future activities on the deep benzene plume, and will keep the appropriate regulatory agencies apprised of all activities. The Navy and the POLB agree that cooperating on this issue is essential due to the proximity of this plume.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (619) 532-4814.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas L. Macchiarella, Jr.".

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By direction of the Commander

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