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Mr. Daniel Murphy
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter is to formally state the Navy's commitment to negotiating and executing a revised Federal Facility Site Remediation Agreement (FFSRA) with the State of California, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

As a signatory party and lead State agency to the existing FFSRA of September 29, 1992, we have been discussing the need for this revision over the past few months. The need for the revision was raised as a result of the pending "early transfers" planned for Mare Island. The Navy agrees that the current FFSRA is silent on the subject of early transfer actions, and this warrants new language to address potential scenarios that could result from the early transfers. We likewise agree that the recently drafted FFSRA for the Alameda Annex will serve as a basis for the revised Mare Island FFSRA.

DTSC and Navy counsels have already begun discussing the scope of the new FFSRA and we will continue to work towards a speedy completion. As you know, the level of effort and the amount of time required for completing a new FFSRA are significant. We anticipate that it will take at least six months before our respective agencies approve and sign the new FFSRA. The early transfers at Mare Island are currently scheduled to be completed by December 2001, well ahead of the completion of a new FFSRA. We therefore request that DTSC not delay the early transfers and make them contingent upon completion of the new FFSRA.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 532-0990.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commander

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