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Re: Mare Island Navy Marine Corps Firing Range

Dear Mr. Bloom:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has received your letter of January 31, 2007 regarding the additional field activities to complete remedial actions for the Marine Corps Firing Range (MCFR) at Mare Island. With your letter, the Navy proposes as part of the already approved Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) for the MCFR to further excavate several grids to address elevated PAH and mercury concentrations, specifically in grids T16, U17, W15, P18, and P20. The Navy also proposes additional characterization to define the extent of PAH exceedances, and to dispose of the additional excavated material in the IA-H1 Containment Area for foundation layer fill.

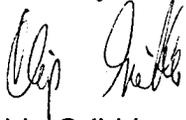
DTSC and RWQCB staff have also reviewed draft data tables that have been informally submitted previously by Navy and Navy contractors. Based on our review of these tables, we agree that the specific grids as given in your letter have concentrations of various contaminants that may likely be unacceptable in a context of an unrestricted reuse scenario.

Therefore, DTSC agrees with the Navy proposal, as an extension of the existing approved TCRA, to further excavate these grids, to conduct follow-up confirmation sampling, to conduct additional limited characterization sampling to bound the extent of elevated contaminants as appropriate in the vicinity of the specified grids, and to relocate the additional excavated MCFR site material to within the IA-H1 Containment Area for use as foundation layer fill material beneath the yet to be completed cap, consistent with the approved MCFR TCRA.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (510) 540-3773.

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