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Mr. Jerry Dunaway
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RE: Draft Site Inspection of the Horse Stable Area, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA, August, 2004

Dear Mr. Dunaway:

EPA has reviewed your draft Site Inspection report for the Horse Stable Area. We have the following comments:

1. EPA does not agree that the industrial preliminary remedial goals (PRGs) are appropriate comparison criteria for the horse stable area. This is not an industrial area, and is proposed for future use as a park. Please revise the report using residential standards as comparison criteria.
2. The draft site inspection report concludes that chromium, nickel, lead, and zinc still remain in the horse stable area at levels exceeding ecological benchmarks for soil. Therefore EPA cannot agree with the Navy's recommendation for no further action at this site without an assessment of ecological risk.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn d'Almeida".

Carolyn d'Almeida
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Gary Riley, RWQCB
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