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Mr. Ronald D. Duncan
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Dear Mr. Duncan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 10, 2002, regarding the collection of sediment samples on Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Missiles and & Space (LMSSC) property. This letter has been prepared to provide additional information regarding the sampling proposed in the Lockheed and Northern Channel located adjacent to Moffett Federal Airfield, Sunnyvale, California. The following addresses the four bulleted items (identified in this letter with italic font) stated in the January 10, 2002 letter.

- 1) *A copy of the CERCLA cleanup order in which is directing the investigation.*

The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) has signed a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). All investigations are being conducted consistent with CERCLA in accordance with the FFA.

- 2) *Any work plans which describe the work.*

A copy of the Final Northern Channel Data Gaps Investigation Field Work Plan (work plan) was sent to your attention via Federal Express on January 21, 2002.

- 3) *Suspected contaminant concerns warranting the sampling request.*

Past investigations (1996 - Station-wide Remedial Investigation (RI) and a 1997 - Site-wide ecological assessment (SWEA)) identified polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and metals as the chemicals of potential ecological concern (COPECs) within the Northern Channel. The former investigations did not address the potential for chemical migration into off-site areas either through flooding or downstream flow. For a more detailed explanation please refer to Section 1.1 Purpose of Investigation, Investigate Possible COPEC Migration into Off-site Areas (page 3) of the work plan.

- 4) *Proposed sampling methodology and laboratory analyses for each sample location.*

The work plan has a detailed explanation of the sampling methodology in Section 5.1.2, Sediment Sampling, Lockheed and Moffett Channel (page 35) and in Appendix 3, Section 2.0 Procedures, Sediment Sampling (page 3) of the work plan. The laboratory analyses are also detailed in the work plan in Appendix A, Tables Section, Table 8 (page 15).

The United States Navy is self insured for this work and will exercise care in our activities while on Lockheed property. The fieldwork is anticipated to begin during the first week in February 2002.

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Thank you for your help with this access agreement and we look forward to working with you on the investigation. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned in any of the following ways.

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