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Mr. Stephen Chao  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Western Division  
900 Commodore Way, Bldg. 101  
San Bruno, CA. 94066

Re: Final OU6 Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment Workplan, dated November 18, 1993

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the subject document and its associated response to comments and hereby approves the document as final. For the record, two comments remain (neither is intended to hold up the document's approval).

1. A point of clarification should be made regarding EPA's comment #4 on the draft final document. EPA stands by its assertion that using a Monte Carlo analysis to quantify the uncertainty associated with intake estimates is an expensive and unproven technique. But if the Navy feels that this analysis technique is justified, then proceed.
2. A member of the community recently questioned why a residential scenario was not being considered in the risk assessment of OU6. The Navy's response to EPA's comment #8 (regarding risk calculations for all possible scenarios) on the draft document was answered satisfactorily. This calculation is unnecessary because it is highly unlikely that residential construction will occur where these wetland areas currently exist. In this age of increased awareness of the value of wetland areas, it is improbable that development of any type would be approved in these areas. It is also understood that these areas will be evaluated during site wide and ecological investigations.

Please call me at 415-744-2383 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Gill".

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