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Reply to Attn of:

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Dear Mr. Chao:

This letter contains NASA's comments on the *Draft Phase II Site-Wide Ecological Assessment Work Plan* dated February 17, 1995 as described below.

1. Page 2-4, Section 2.2, 3rd para.

Additional sites (20 through 27?) have been added to the Navy's IRP.

2. Page 2-9, Section 2.3.3; Page 3-2, Section 3.2

Terrestrial Food Chain/Receptors, Food Web Model: See comment for Figure 3-1 below.

3. Page 2-10, Section 2.3.4, Para. 2

The flux ponds are being closed by the Navy not NASA.

4. Page 2-26, Section 2.5.3, indented bullet

Which areas were excluded? Does new sampling in these areas indicate that remediation is complete?

5. Figure 2-3

Sampling locations are proposed in the vicinity of salt marsh yellow throat habitat at the northwest corner of Lindbergh Avenue. If sampling is proposed to occur during nesting season (March through July), care must be taken to not disturb birds or their nests.

6. Figure 3-1

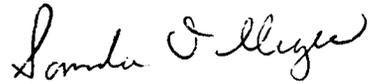
This figure appears to infer that the burrowing owl feeds on black tail hares and the California ground squirrels. This is not accurate. There is no evidence that the owls feed on the ground squirrel especially at this site (Trulio, 1992). The main diet of the burrowing owl is most likely insects, lizards and mice.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these draft plans.

If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at (415) 604-3355.

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Sincerely,



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