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Ms. Diane Shelander  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE HIGH-SPEED  
AIRCRAFT RINSE FACILITY, MOFFETT FIELD, SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. Shelander:

Board staff has reviewed your proposal requesting a variance to continue operation of the high-speed aircraft rinse facility at Moffett Field. As previously stated, staff has concerns about past practices at this facility and the potential for continued operation to exacerbate the impacts of any soil contamination that resulted from these practices. Additionally, the discharge of non-storm water to storm drains is not allowed under the general permit for storm water discharges under which this facility operates.

However, based on the results of sampling of the discharge from the wash facility and the use of the rinse facility to allow continued flight operation of specific aircraft, staff will not recommend enforcement for operation of this facility through the end of 1995. It is the understanding of staff that resolution regarding the future operation of this facility is anticipated prior to that time and that staff will be apprised of that decision. However, if operation of the high-speed aircraft rinse facility at Moffett Field is desired to continued beyond December 31, 1995 discharge of the rinse water to the storm drain can not continue. If it is the intended for the operational practice of discharge of non-storm water to a storm drain to continue beyond December 31, 1995, staff will recommend that enforcement action be considered. Should you have additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (510) 286-0688.

Sincerely,



Ron Gervason, Senior  
Engineering Geologist

cc: Mr. Stephen Chao - EFT-West  
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