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Ms. Elizabeth Adams
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, Mail Stop H-6-5
75 Hawthorne Stret
San Francisco, California 94105

Subject: Moffett Federal Airfield, Westside Aquifer Status

Dear Ms. Adams:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the negotiations between the Navy and the MEW companies concerning allocation of responsibilities for cleanup of the westside aquifers at Moffett Field. Although a final agreement has not yet been executed, the Navy has met with the MEW companies and I believe that we have reached basic agreement on the fundamental principles necessary to achieve a final settlement between the two parties.

A similar agreement is being negotiated between NASA and the MEW companies and is also currently being finalized. Since most of the language of the NASA/MEW agreement will be similar to the Navy/MEW agreement, we intend to wait for the NASA/MEW agreement to be finalized before beginning the drafting of the Navy/MEW agreement. Our hope is that the NASA/MEW agreement will be finalized within the next month, and that the Navy/MEW agreement will be completed shortly thereafter.

I will keep you informed of our progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please call me at (415) 244-2563.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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BRAC Environmental Coordinator

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