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Subject: Development of Toxicity Reference Values for San Francisco Bay Area  
Ecological Receptors

Dear Mr. Chao:

The letter is to express my thanks for the opportunity to have worked with the Navy's consultants at PRC Environmental Management (Dr. June Mire, Dr. Gregory Linder, Ms. Sabrina Russo, Ms. Cooper Heins, Ms. Cindi Rose, Ms. Kris Gade) and the task subconsultant (Dr. Jennifer Holder), in the development of Toxicity Reference Values (TRVs) for Moffett Naval Air Station ecological receptors. This task required many hours of research, data gathering, and evaluation, as well negotiations with the regulatory agency toxicologists from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of California (Department of Toxic Substances Control, Office of the Science Advisor; San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board). The thoroughness and quality of the data analyses, the usefulness of the database for TRV derivation, in addition to the sensitivity of the consultant participants to the concerns of the regulatory and natural resource agencies, is a model for future cooperative efforts on other, still developing, technical issues. The resulting product will be useful at all of the San Francisco Bay area federal facilities and truly reflects a team effort on the part of all of the participants.

Sincerely,

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