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Mr. Stephen Chao
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Re: *Draft May 1996 Quarterly Report*, dated November 8, 1996

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the subject document. Section 2.0 reads "No wells were sampled during this quarterly sampling event". While EPA would defend not sampling every well every quarter, as was discussed at two previous RAB meetings, we cannot agree with no wells being sampled. Please explain why no wells were sampled this quarter and why the regulatory agencies were not made aware of this plan.

Because of seasonal changes to subsurface water levels and commingling of contaminants in some geographic areas, we believe that it is in the best interest of the Navy to sample some pre-defined plume areas of the airfield and all new wells (less than one year old) every quarter in order to provide the best contamination plume definitions. If you have any questions, please call me at 415-744-2385.

Sincerely,

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

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