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Subj: BURROWING OWL POPULATION AT MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD

Dear Ms. Trulio:

I am writing to confirm our phone conversation concerning your opinion on the impacts of the fuel farm contamination to the burrowing owl population at Moffett Field.

I understand that you have identified that the fledgling rate at Moffett Field, Shoreline, and Mission College is similar, but that there appears to be a difference in fledgling rates at Moffett Field when compared with a central San Jose site and older studies of the burrowing owl at various other locations. Per our discussion, considering the industrial nature (more human activity than at a recreational park) of Moffett Field, the burrowing owl fledgling rate is normal. In addition, you could not see any differences in fledgling rates between the owls with burrows near the fuel farm and the owls with burrows everywhere else on Moffett Field (could you please provide any statistical analysis performed, if any, supporting this conclusion.). In fact, you have been happy with how well the burrowing owl population has been doing at Moffett.

Please respond in writing to confirm our discussion by April 11, 1997. Thank you for providing this information.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:  
STEPHEN CHAO

~~BRAC Environmental Coordinator~~  
Moffett Federal Airfield

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