



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Michael D. Gill, RPM (SFD-8-2) *M DG*  
TO: Administrative Record  
RE: Moffett Federal Airfield Operable Unit 5 Consensus Letter

The attached consensus letter provides clarification of the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision's definition of cleanup levels for the east-side aquifers at Moffett Federal Airfield. It has been signed by all members of the Moffett Federal Airfield Base Closure Team.

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Moffett Field Operable Unit 5 Consensus Letter

The members of the Moffett Federal Airfield BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) provide the following clarifications to the OU5 East Side Aquifer Record of Decision (ROD), dated June 28, 1996, regarding the definition of cleanup levels.

1. Per the ROD, "The groundwater cleanup standards for the OU5 southern plume are MCLs for each COC.". Also, "MCLs were selected as the cleanup standards for the southern plume area since the A1-aquifer zone in the southern plume area is a potential drinking water source as defined by SWRCB Resolution 88-63."

2. Discharge Methods:

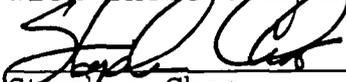
a. If water reuse for irrigation is the chosen discharge option, the extracted groundwater will be remediated to MCLs for the contaminants of concern.

b. If water reuse as storage in a retention pond is the chosen discharge option, the extracted groundwater will be remediated to MCLs or AWQCs, whichever are lower, for the contaminants of concern.

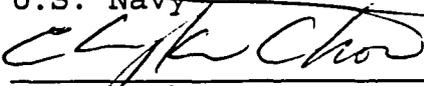
c. If discharge to a POTW is the chosen discharge option, the Navy must comply with all substantive and administrative requirements of a permit because a POTW is considered off-site.

d. If surface water discharge is the chosen discharge option, the extracted groundwater discharge levels will meet the substantive requirements of an NPDES permit.

The following members of the Moffett Federal Airfield BCT concur with these clarifications.

  
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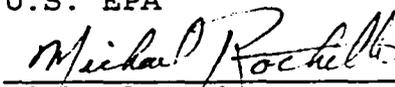
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