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COMMENTS ON SITE 22 DRAFT FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

Dear Mr. Chao:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Moffett Federal Airfield Site 22 Draft Final Feasibility Study Report. The City of Mountain View is vitally interested in the cleanup efforts at Moffett Federal Airfield and holds the position that all contaminated sites at Moffett Federal Airfield be cleaned up to a level that will allow for the maximum flexibility for future land use while protecting public health and safety and the environment.

Although most of the comments below do not require specific revisions to the subject document, they are being submitted for the record and for consideration in the evaluation, selection and implementation of a remedial alternative for Site 22.

1. The Navy is encouraged to select a closure alternative that is the most protective for the long-term and complies with all California State regulations for landfill closure. Although excavation would be the most protective and least restrictive on future land use, it is acknowledged that this alternative may be extremely costly. Therefore, selection of Alternative 3B (multi-layer cap), is recommended as this appears to be more protective than a single-barrier cap.
2. The conceptual diagram in Figure 22 for Alternative 3A (single-barrier cap) appears to be incorrect. This diagram should show a foundation layer above the refuse.
3. The Navy is encouraged to evaluate several options to mitigate the impact of tree removal required for capping the site:
 - First, the application of a thick vegetative soil layer (up to 8' or 10' thick as necessary given the expected root depth of the different types of

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vegetation/trees) over certain areas of the cap to allow the replanting of as many of the existing trees as feasible, or planting of new trees.

- Second, careful removal and transplanting of as many trees as possible elsewhere on the golf course or at other locations at Moffett Federal Airfield.
 - Third, mitigating tree removal by planting new trees on a one-to-one ratio elsewhere on the golf course or at other locations at Moffett Federal Airfield.
4. The Navy is encouraged to comply with burrowing owl guidelines as enforced by the California Department of Fish and Game on State and local agencies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. The City of Mountain View looks forward to continuing to be involved in the public participation process for cleanup efforts at Moffett Federal Airfield. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (650) 903-6215.

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