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REVIEW OF WORK PLAN ADDENDUM FOR THE PHASE III SITE  
ASSESSMENT AT THE STEAM TUNNELS (POI 38) AT NAVAL  
TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO

Dear Mr. Forman:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), collectively known as the State, have reviewed the workplan addendum for NTC's Steam Tunnels, also known as Point of Interest 38 (POI 38). Pursuant to the telephone conference of December 10, 1996 with you, Ms. Content Arnold of Southwest Division, and Ms. M'balia Tagoe of Bechtel National, the State understands that the following changes will be made to the workplan addendum for the phase III site assessment at POI 38.

1. For Area 1, the two proposed NCT/V sampling locations will be moved back to sampling locations 1HP-4 and 1HP-1 of the Phase II site assessment. The State requested this change because the proposed NCT/V sampling locations may not be upgradient and away from the influence of the steam tunnels. Furthermore, the objective of the phase III assessment is to reconcile and validate the questionable analytical results obtained from the phase II investigation. This objective can be achieved by filtering the samples to reduce the variability as proposed in the phase III addendum; therefore, the sampling locations do not need to be changed.
2. For Area 1, an additional groundwater sample will be taken near building 160 and 195. The purpose of this sample is to further evaluate the localized groundwater condition upgradient and away from the influence of the steam tunnels. This sample will be collected using the sampling methodology as prescribed in the phase III workplan.



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3. Two groundwater samples will be added to the phase III assessment in Area 2 to validate the Navy's recommended "no further action" finding. The sampling locations will be at 2HP-1 and 2HP-2 of the phase II assessment.
4. For Area 5, the NCT/V sampling location will be moved to 5HP-2 of the phase II assessment. This is recommended to reduce potential influence from the steam tunnel.
5. The field duplicates as specified in the workplan addendum will be collected as splits from one sample and not to be collected from the borehole one after another.

In addition to the above, the State requested a hydraulic fill map/ photo for proper evaluation of NTC's geology to assist in the determination of background concentration of metals. As discussed, the State will provide a concurrence on the phase III workplan and field activities after the receipt and review of the fill map and a complete set of response to comments to the phase II site assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (310) 590-4897.

Sincerely,



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