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SUBJECT: COBALT BACKGROUND EVALUATION, BOAT CHANNEL SEDIMENTS,
FORMER NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
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Dear Mr. Anderson and Ms. Komeylyan:

The Navy presents the enclosed Cobalt background evaluation technical memorandum for the boat channel sediments at the Former Naval Training Center San Diego (the Tech Memo) to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Water Board). The Navy prepared the Tech Memo to compare the established background levels of cobalt in both the sediment and soils in the region to the boat channel sediments. The cobalt levels found in the sediments at the boat channel are within those background levels.

In response to the Water Board letter to the Navy dated November 27, 2013 and associated follow-on interactions, it is the Navy's understanding that the remaining human health risk assessment (HHRA) concern was the noncancer hazard quotient greater than one specifically related to cobalt concentrations. Based on the conclusion stated above and outline in the Tech Memo, the Navy understands that HHRA considerations related to cobalt results in the boat channel are no longer applicable as they are within background levels. Therefore, the Water Board's only remaining concern regarding the Navy's evaluation of remedial alternatives presented in the Draft FS Report is the potential remedial action at the stations identified as "Possibly Impacted".

To confirm this understanding, the Navy respectfully requests written confirmation that the Water Board is in agreement with the conclusion that the HHRA considerations shall not be evaluated further and that there is no further action

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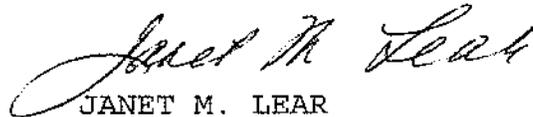
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required based on the HHRA. Future remedial action for the Boat Channel Sediments will be based solely on the potential risk to benthic organisms. We ask that the Water Board provide this written confirmation by Friday, April 11, 2014 so that we can focus our efforts on reaching resolution on the remaining issues and concerns regarding the stations identified as "Possibly Impacted".

We look forward to working with you and your team to complete the cleanup activities at IR Site 12 and subsequently convey this final remaining parcel to the City of San Diego.

Should you have any questions concerning this document or if you need additional information, you can contact me at (619) 532-0976.

Sincerely,



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BRAC Environmental Coordinator
By direction of the Director

Enclosure: Cobalt Background Evaluation, Boat Channel Sediment, Formal Naval Training Center San Diego, San Diego, California dated March 2014.

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