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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your participation in the combined meeting of the RAB Technology Focus Group and the Natural Resources Focus Group on January 23. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our concerns regarding the exclusion of fish ingestion from the human health risk assessment with you and the environmental regulators.

As a follow up to that meeting, we reiterate our request that the Navy include the fish ingestion pathway in the NAS Alameda Human Health Risk Assessment Work Plan. To omit this pathway would indicate a total disregard for the potential risk associated with subsistence and sport fishing at NAS Alameda.

We strongly recommend that the following be included in the Work Plan:

- 1) Inclusion of the ingestion of marine life in the exposure pathway analysis; this should include the ingestion of shellfish, resident fish, and mobile fish.
- 2) A report of the risk associated with each pathway in order to compare their relative contribution to the total risk.
- 3) Based on an assessment of fishing patterns at and around NAS Alameda, collect and analyze tissue samples from shellfish, resident fish, and mobile fish from the Seaplane Lagoon, Western Bayside, Oakland Inner Harbor, and the southern side of the island in order to estimate the exposure point concentration for fish ingestion.

As you know, the Alameda community is deeply concerned about the Navy's reluctance to include this pathway. Our hope is to resolve this issue now as opposed to at the time of the Record of Decision, when a delay could have a substantial impact on the transfer and reuse of the base.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue our dialog regarding this critical issue and look forward to receiving your response. Please send responses in care of the Natural Resources Focus Group, 5163 Golden Gate Ave., Oakland, CA 94618-2029.

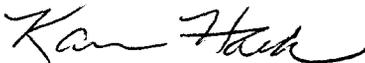
Sincerely,



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