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SUBJECT: Naval Air Station Alameda, Response to Letter Dated June 8, 2004 on Request for Deferral of Corrective Actions on Solid Waste Management Units

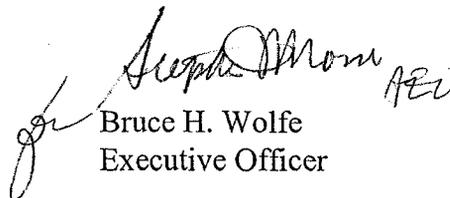
Dear Mr. Macchiarella,

With reference to the subject letter, I appreciate your request for coordination by the Department of Toxic Substances Control and San Francisco Water Board on CERCLA and RCRA actions at Naval Air Station Alameda. I concur with your evaluation that the Water Board has responsibility and is proceeding with its authority on closure decisions for petroleum sites and source removal at the facility. The Water Boards authority is definitively stated under Chapter 6.7, Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code and the California Underground Storage Tank Regulations (Subchapter 16 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulation).

However, I cannot concur with the portion of the flow chart attached to your June 8 letter with regard to petroleum closure and suggest some revision and clarification. Specifically, on the top line and to the right of center on the flow graph, it is unclear why both DTSC and Water Board approvals are required. The Water Board has approval authority for petroleum sites.

The Water Board defers decisions to DTSC where situations of commingling of petroleum and other contaminants occurs, such as in the case of commingled groundwater impacted plumes beyond the petroleum source.

Sincerely,


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