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**RE: Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report, Operable Unit 2A, Sites 9, 13, 19, 22,
and 23 Alameda Point**

Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

EPA has reviewed the above referenced document, prepared by Tetra Tech EM Inc and submitted by the Navy on March 3, 2005. Our belief that the risk assessments underestimate risk at each site, and that the nature and extent discussions are inadequate due to lack of complete site characterization, still stand. However, the Draft Final OU 2A Remedial Investigation Report does contain an appendix that outlines the regulatory agencies' major concerns and the mechanisms by which they will be addressed. The BCT agreed in a meeting on July 29, 2004, and in subsequent discussions, to fill in may data gaps during the Remedial Design/Remedial Action phase of the project. The additional work involved with characterization and potential remediation will be factored in to the Feasibility Study and the Record of Decision as has been done for Operable Unit 1. Therefore, in order to maintain our progress at these sites, and with the assurance from the Navy that our concerns will be addressed in the RD/RA phase of the project, EPA agrees to finalize this Remedial Investigation Report for OU 2A.

We look forward to working with you on the Feasibility Study Report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3029.

Sincerely,

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