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Re: Proposed Plan for Skeet Range (IR Site 29), Alameda Point, Alameda

Dear Mr. ^{Thomas} Macchiarella:

Doug deHaan
Councilmember/Community
Improvement Commissioner
City of Alameda

The Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority (ARRA) is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on Navy's February 2005 *Proposed Plan for Skeet Range (IR Site 29), Alameda Point, Alameda*. It is gratifying for this site to have reached the Proposed Plan milestone, near the end of the CERCLA decision-making process. ARRA has one comment, as detailed below.

William C. Norton
Acting City Manager/
Executive Director

Land use plans for Alameda Point include a future, public beach in the vicinity of the Skeet Range. Remediation of this area must be sufficiently thorough to allow unrestricted recreational land use, without unacceptable human health risks. The *Proposed Plan* does not acknowledge this remedial goal.

Please state clearly that both the beach area and the submerged lands shoreward of the footprint addressed by this Proposed Plan will be included in the remedial decisionmaking for IR Site 1.

The *Proposed Plan* states "lead shot as well as clay target fragments ... reside in the offshore sediment adjacent to the Skeet Range, concentrated in an offshore area approximately 1,300 feet by 800 feet in average water depths ranging from 5 to 12 feet mean [lower] low water. The adjacent shoreline beach areas will be investigated as part of IR Site 1." (page 2) Further, "the primary site-related contaminants (lead shot and PAHs from the clay targets) are located approximately 80 feet offshore, in water depths averaging 5 ft or greater." (page 5) The *Proposed Plan* does not clearly state that the scope of remedial decisionmaking for IR Site 1 includes not only the "shoreline beach areas" but also the submerged area within 80 feet of the shoreline. If contaminated sediments are present in relatively-shallow near-shore areas, unacceptable human health risks may occur from recreational use.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or Dr. Peter Russell at (415)492-0540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Potter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debbie Potter
Base Reuse and Redevelopment Manager

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