

**ALAMEDA POINT REUSE ADVISORY BOARD  
ALAMEDA POINT, CALIFORNIA**

September 5, 2001

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Region 9  
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Federal Facilities Agreement for Alameda Point  
Comments of the Alameda Point Reuse Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Cook:

The Alameda Point Reuse Advisory Board ("RAB") is pleased that a Federal Facilities Agreement ("FFA") for former Alameda Naval Air Station has finally been executed between the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after so many years of frustrating delay. We are hopeful that good faith compliance with the provisions of this Agreement will help to move forward the clean up efforts at Alameda Point and heartily support execution of this Agreement. We have reviewed the FFA and provide the following brief comments:

1. We note that the Community Relations Plan is designated a "Primary Document" under Section 10.3 of the FFA. We ask that the Community Relations Plan be included in the Site Management Plan ("SMP") so that a specific timetable is developed for periodic review, modification and execution of the Community Relations Plan for Alameda Point.
2. We note that Section 36 formally acknowledges the Restoration Advisory Board and its role in "reviewing progress under the Agreement". Consistent with that provision and the requirement for public participation in the development of the Site Management Plan under Section 12.7 of the FFA, we request RAB members be included in the process for annual review and development of Amendments to the SMP.
3. We are somewhat concerned that the various exceptions, exemptions and conditions provided throughout the FFA allowing for delays, extensions and/or modifications to the SMP will lessen the ability to enforce timetables and rigorous clean up standards. Despite this concern, we fully support the FFA as drafted recognizing the dynamic and evolving nature of the clean up effort.

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We note in passing that the terms "City of Alameda" and "Island of Alameda" are not defined in the document and appear to be used in the document interchangeably with the term "Alameda", causing some ambiguity in the mind of at least one member in reviewing the document.  
(No reference to me)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We look forward to finalization and implementation of this document.

Very truly yours,



Michael Torrey, Community Co-Chair

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Barbara Lee - Congresswoman

Ralph Apezatto - Mayor

Michael McClellan - B.E.C.