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**Subject: Final Community Relations Plan and Response to Comments on Draft Final  
Community Relations Plan, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Crows Landing**

Dear Mr. Chan:

Enclosed are the final Community Relations Plan (CRP) and responses to the comments received by the Navy regarding the draft final CRP for Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Crows Landing. Ms. Sandy Olliges provided the comments on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Her comments are presented and the responses are listed in the first section of the response to comments document. Mr. Nathan Schumacher, California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), also submitted comments; his comments are listed in the second section.

The draft final CRP was delivered to the Navy in December 1994, and comments were received from NASA and DTSC in January 1995. However, Mr. Schumacher requested that the Navy conduct additional community interviews to complete the CRP. The Navy, DTSC, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and NASA therefore agreed to postpone finalizing the CRP until the community interviews were completed. All community relations activities that occurred last year are documented in the final CRP.

Please call me at (303) 312-8877 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

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Mr. Nathan Schumacher, DTSC  
Mr. Philip Isorena, RWQCB  
Ms. Sandy Olliges, NASA  
Mr. Don Chuck, EFA WEST  
Ms. Brooke Winter, PRC  
NALF Crows Landing Administrative Record (2 copies)

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FINAL  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

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## RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FINAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN NAVAL AUXILIARY LANDING FIELD CROWS LANDING

This document presents the Navy's responses to comments from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on the draft final Community Relations Plan (CRP) for Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Crows Landing, dated December 14, 1994.

### RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM NASA

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

There were no general comments.

#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS

1. **Comment:** Page 2, Third indentation at the bottom of the page: Please change "Naval Air Weapons Station" to *Moffett Federal Airfield*.

**Response:** All references to "Naval Air Weapons Station" have been changed to "Moffett Federal Airfield."
2. **Comment:** Page 7, Second paragraph: "Currently, the only significant tenant usage is by NASA,..."

**Response:** The word tenant has been deleted from the indicated sentence.
3. **Comment:** Page 7, Third paragraph: ~~"NASA maintains a tenant agreement with NAS Moffett Field and EFA West. The agreement establishes NASA's responsibilities, including research operations and the requirement for reimbursement to the Navy for the cost of utilities and services. The term of the agreement is 4 years (NASA 1993)."~~

**Response:** The indicated paragraph has been deleted.
4. **Comment:** Page 8, Fourth paragraph: Recent surveys could not locate any burrowing owls. Please provide verification that the burrowing owl is on site or delete this paragraph.

**Response:** The discussion regarding burrowing owls has been modified. The discussion now states that habitat exists at the base for burrowing owls but that burrowing owls have not been specifically identified.
5. **Comment:** Page 10, Second sentence: "There are no aircraft currently based at NALF Crows Landing, which is now used *only primarily* by NASA and *other authorized users*."

**Response:** The text has been revised to reflect the suggested changes.
6. **Comment:** Page 10, Third paragraph: ~~"Please delete - As noted previously, NASA will assume responsibility for the NALF Crows Landing in October 1994."~~

**Response:** The indicated sentence has been deleted.

## RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM DTSC

### GENERAL COMMENTS

- 1. Comment:** The plan does not include a description of who conducted the interviews, how that person(s) conducted them, and what procedure was used in setting up these interviews.

**Response:** Section 6.0 of the final CRP describes the interviewing process, and Appendix B includes the interview questionnaire guide that was used in conducting the community interviews.
- 2. Comment:** Throughout the Plan, the writer(s) rely on the passive voice for much of the narrative. Overuse of passive voice results in unclear sentences. On Page 8, for instance, the sentence, "the original creek bed was converted to an agricultural drainage canal over most of its length (Tetra Tech 1993b)," does not tell who actually converted the creek. What concerns the Department here is clarity. The Department wants the average citizen to understand this document.

**Response:** The CRP has been revised to incorporate a more active voice and to be more understandable to the general public.
- 3. Comment:** The Department feels that the Navy needs to designate a local person as contact for community relations. To expect local residents to call long distance for answers to questions will have a chilling effect on people's willingness to ask such questions. Also, having a community contact person available locally will increase trust from residents.

**Response:** Currently, the only personnel working full time at the base are subcontractors for NASA. It is not possible at this time to specify a local individual with sufficient knowledge of environmental activities at the base to act as a local contact person.
- 4. Comment:** Page 4 and throughout the remainder of the document: Please have the section dividers and the pages match exactly. It is confusing to search for the opening of each section after you have flipped to that divider.

**Response:** Because the sections of the CRP are relatively short, section dividers are not used in the final CRP.

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- 1. Comment:** Page 10: The Department understands that the Crows Landing property has been transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The Plan needs to reflect this change.

**Response:** A detailed discussion of current operational agreements at the base is included in Section 1.0 of the final CRP.

2. **Comment:** **Page 22: How does the Navy know that one half of the residents of Patterson are commuters?**
- Response:** The Patterson Chamber of Commerce provided this information.
3. **Comment:** **Page 23: The Farm Bureau's proper name is Farm Bureau Incorporated.**
- Response:** The CRP has been corrected as indicated.
4. **Comment:** **Page 24: The two sentences about rail service are unclear.**
- Response:** The CRP has been revised and no longer includes information about transportation options for Crows Landing.
5. **Comment:** **Page 26: The number of interviews will change after the Department and the contractor complete the one day of remaining interviews.**
- Response:** The CRP has been revised to reflect the actual number of interviews that have been conducted to date.
6. **Comment:** **Pages 30 - 40: Please indicate who will be responsible for implementing the listed activities of the Community Relations Plan.**
- Response:** The Navy will be responsible for implementing the listed activities of the CRP. This information has been added to the CRP.
7. **Comment:** **Page 31: Regarding bullet items, change to reflect that an information repository has been established in Patterson. Also, the Department understands that the Navy, or its contractor, has not taken any public actions yet to establish a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).**
- Response:** The CRP has been revised to reflect that an information repository has been established in Patterson. The Navy sponsored a public meeting in December 1995, and at that meeting, the community expressed no interest in forming or participating in a RAB. This information has been added to the CRP.
8. **Comment:** **Pages 35 -36: The entire discussion on these two pages seems unclear. The Department feels the concept of a dialogue or a two way communication flow is missing. Will community input be taken into consideration?**
- Response:** Community input will be taken into consideration and this section of the CRP was revised to reflect that.
9. **Comment:** **Page 36: Please make a stronger statement with the mention that the Navy will attempt to include all cultures on the RAB (per RAB guidance). As a matter of course, efforts should be made to include all cultures in all Crows Landing community relations activities.**
- Response:** At this time, a RAB will not be established. A public meeting was held in Crows Landing in December 1995, and at that meeting, the community expressed no interest in forming or participating in a RAB. However, if a RAB is formed in the future, the Navy will attempt to include all cultures. The Navy will make every effort to include all cultures in community relations activities.

10. **Comment:** **Page 44: In the discussion of the Comment Period, please change U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Department of Toxic Substances Control.**

**Response:** The suggested change has been made.

11. **Comment:** **Page 46: "Principle" should be replaced with Principal.**

**Response:** The suggested change has been made.

12. **Comment:** **Page D-2: Define or change the terms "extractable and purgeable total petroleum hydrocarbons" (TPH) and "total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons" (TRPH).**

**Response:** Appendix D has been simplified and revised to include current information easily understandable by the general public. References to TPH and TRPH have been removed and replaced by less technical terms such as "petroleum contamination."

13. **Comment:** **Pages D-2 and D-3: Define or change the term "stoddard solvent."**

**Response:** See the response to specific comment 12. All references to stoddard solvent have been removed.

14. **Comment:** **Page D-9 and following pages: Define or change the format showing the concentrations listed in the sampling results. The discussion is difficult to understand if you do not have a technical background.**

**Response:** See the response to specific comment 12. All references to specific contaminant concentrations have been removed.

15. **Comment:** **Appendix F, Mailing list: Updates to the list:**

**Please correct the addresses for the following:**

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**Please add the following names to the list:**

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**Enclosed Region 1 Mandatory Mailing List (additional names were  
attached to comments)**

- Response:** The indicated corrections and additions to the mailing list have been made.
- 16. Comment:** **Appendix F, Elected Officials: Does this list reflect the results of the latest elections held in November last year?**
- Response:** The list of elected officials in Appendix F has been updated to reflect the results of the latest elections.