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Dear BCT members:

The Navy is providing notice to the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) signatories that an additional 30 days will be required to complete a draft final Validation Study (VS) Workplan for Parcel F, Hunters Point Shipyard. Draft responses to comments regarding the draft VS workplan were sent via electronic mail to the sediment workgroup (SWG) on July 31, 2000 and to the FFA signatories on August 2, 2000.

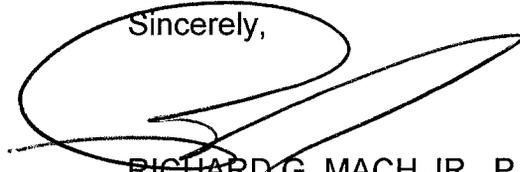
The SWG is continuing to work to reach consensus on how to interpret the bioaccumulation results. The current FFA schedule did not require a draft final version of the VS Workplan. However, the comments received are substantial enough to warrant a draft final VS Workplan be prepared. Had a draft final VS Workplan been included in the schedule per the document preparation times outlined in the FFA, it would have been due on August 14, 2000. Per the FFA, Section 7.7(e), every effort should be made to reach consensus prior to issuing draft final documents. Per the FFA, Section 7.7(f), the Navy may extend completion of a draft final document by notice to the FFA signatories prior to the close of the 45-day response to comment period. The Navy is confident that the SWG will come to consensus on the means of interpreting the bioaccumulation results in this additional 30-day period. The Navy will submit the draft final Parcel F VS Workplan by September 14, 2000. This extension will also affect the completion of the final VS Workplan by 30-days.

The Parcel F schedule extensions above will be documented in the revised FFA schedule being prepared by the Navy. This revised schedule will be submitted to the FFA signatories by August 28, 2000 and will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for September 7, 2000.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned at (619) 532-0913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard G. Mach Jr.', written over a large, loopy oval shape.

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By direction of the Commander