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Mr. Mike Radecki
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Subject: Draft Final Addendum to RI/FS Work Plan and Risk
Assessment Work Plan for Naval Station Long Beach, Long Beach,
California

Dear Mr. Radecki:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the subject document dated March 22, 1995. We appreciate the effort put forth by the Navy and Bechtel to incorporate previous comments provided by EPA. We also appreciate your attempt to facilitate our review by providing a "red-lined" version of the document.

We agree that the majority of EPA's comments have been incorporated into the Work Plan and suggest, given that the data have already been collected, that the Navy continue with the data analysis process without further revision of this document. We would also suggest the Navy continue to present the Agencies with results of the data analysis and interpretation process and would expect that any further clarification on data interpretation can be resolved during this process or as part of our review of Technical Memorandum #6 and/or the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report.

EPA concurs that the sediment sampling and bioassays performed are appropriate and will provide the Navy with useful information to evaluate if site sediments pose a significant risk to benthic organisms, given that testing protocols were followed. As stated in previous project meetings and in our September 15, 1994 Memorandum regarding the fish sampling effort, EPA is still uncertain as to what contribution the fish tissue data will provide in answering questions related to the focused ecological assessment. However, as these data have already been collected, we do believe these data should be included in the evaluation process to support the weight of evidence approach outlined in the Work Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (415) 744-2410.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheryl Lauth".

Sheryl Lauth
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