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SAVANNAH/CABRILLO HOUSING COMPLEX

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The Department of the Navy has requested the State of California's (State) concurrence pursuant to Section 120(h)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) for the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex. CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(B) requires State concurrence in the results of the identification (described in CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(A) of property upon which no hazardous substances and no petroleum products, or their derivatives were stored for one year or more, known to have been released, or disposed of. The Department of the Navy represents, in their request, that they have complied with CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(A).

The Department of the Navy submitted the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) for the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex on December 17, 1992. Based on the information provided by the Navy to the State, and without any independent investigation or verification of such information, the State concurred, on March 15, 1993, with the results of the identification of the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex as uncontaminated, provided by the Navy in compliance with CERCLA Section 120(h)(4)(A).

On March 8, 1994, the State was notified by a phone conversation from Mr. Duane Rollefson, Environmental Coordinator for the Naval Station Long Beach, that an Underground Storage Tank (UST) had been discovered at the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex. This information was documented in a letter to the State, dated March 10, 1994, under the signature of Mr. Todd Erickson, Staff Civil Engineer for the Department of the Navy.

On April 15, 1994, the Department of the Navy submitted a letter to the State, amending the original December 17, 1992, Savannah/Cabrillo EBS. The amendment retains the original Category 1 definition for the Savannah/Cabrillo Family Housing Area with "the exception of a buffer zone defined in the immediate area of the UST which will be categorized as Category



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7." The letter, also states that "The Navy does not believe that the entire Savannah/Cabrillo Housing area is impacted by the contents of the UST found near buildings 201 and 202. The groundwater flow direction is to the northwest as reported by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works through Jacobs Engineering Group. This flow direction takes any potentially impacted groundwater away from the housing area." The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) provided the Navy with the above referenced report from the Jacobs Engineering Group. The RWQCB has always maintained the position that due to the current lack of sufficient data for the Gage, Gaspar and Lynwook Aquifers, the direction of the groundwater flow has not been satisfactorily characterized in the area.

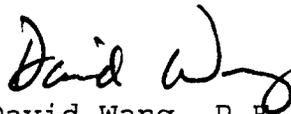
At this point, it is the State's understanding that there may be the potential for groundwater contamination from the UST at the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex. Although the Navy has not yet investigated the UST, a sampling and analysis work plan is being developed and the UST is scheduled for removal in the near future. Therefore, as no information is available at this time to confirm that the groundwater is not contaminated, and given that such contamination is a possibility, the State cannot concur with the identification of the Savannah/Cabrillo parcel as uncontaminated at this time.

As information on the condition of the Savannah/Cabrillo Housing Complex site's groundwater becomes available, the State will carefully review the information and supporting documentation.

Finally, please ensure that the EBS is made available to the public as required in CERCLA Section 120(h)(4).

We look forward to working with the Navy throughout the tank removal and investigation process. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the above number, or Ms. Maria Gillette of my staff at (310) 590-4990.

Sincerely,



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