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RE: Draft Letter Report, Groundwater Sampling for Perchlorate at Investigation Area F1, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA, June 17, 2004

Dear Mr. Dunaway:

EPA has reviewed your draft letter report on perchlorate sampling in the former ordnance manufacturing area of Mare Island. We concur with Navy's conclusions that no further sampling is warranted for perchlorate in this area. We have a few comments on the report:

1. The text in Section 3.1 on page 9 is confusing and misleading the way it is worded. Please revise the text to clearly summarize a) what was found in the initial round of sampling and the purpose of the follow up sampling using 2 analytical methods, and b) what was found in the second round under the two methods.
2. In the table on page 10, the notation of "5 P" for two sample results by method 314 looks like a "51". Use of additional spacing or a different font would make this clearer.
3. Please attach the laboratory report to the final version of this report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn d'Almeida".

Carolyn d'Almeida
Remedial Project Manager

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