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Dear Ms. Ransom and Mr. Douglass:

Thank you for meeting with us on February 22, 2001 to discuss Navy environmental restoration activities at the former NAS Moffett (now part of NASA Ames research center, called Moffett Federal Airfield, or MFA). This letter provides follow-up documentation related to this meeting, including action items, a list of items provided to Cargill, and a discussion of the Navy's proposed document submittal.

First, the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting resulted in the following action items:

- (1) Navy, NASA, and Cargill will make a cooperative effort to determine the owner of the Northern Channel.
- (2) Concurrently with the first action item, Cargill will provide review comments on the Navy's internal draft Northern Channel Feasibility Study (FS) report, and on additional documents as described in the enclosed Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) if Cargill is deemed the property owner.
- (3) The Navy will issue a letter requesting access to install a monitoring well in accordance with post-closure monitoring requirements of the Site 1 landfill on MFA. The letter will provide details as discussed in the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- (4) Cargill will provide an access or licensing agreement to the Navy for installation of said well.
- (5) Navy will continue to provide documents related to MFA Operable Unit one (Landfill sites 1 and 2) to Cargill.
- (6) If it is apparent that Cargill is the property owner of the Northern Channel, a subsequent meeting will be held on March 27, 2001 to further discuss the process, requirements, and roles and responsibilities for completing the Navy's response action related to the Northern Channel.

Second, as of this date, the Navy has provided the following items to Cargill:

- (1) The internal draft FS report for the Northern Channel.
- (2) The FFA between the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the California EPA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), including schedule of deliverables.

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- (3) Points of contact (POC) for the Navy, EPA, RWQCB, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- (4) Text and table summary of the occupational health risk associated with exposure to contaminants at the Northern Channel, as well as a risk assessor POC for human health risk questions.
- (5) A NASA POC for property ownership discussions.
- (6) Title information and maps showing property ownership (expected delivery to Cargill on March 6, 2001).

Third, as discussed on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and pursuant to the FFA, the draft FS is due to the EPA and RWQCB on March 15, 2001. As indicated in the FFA, a timely request for an extension must be submitted to the regulatory agencies prior to the document submittal date. The extension request must be accompanied by an explanation of the good cause for the extension and a revised timetable for the submittal. There is no assurance that an extension request would be granted. USEPA and the RWQCB have stated a preference to receive the FS on March 15<sup>th</sup> and to have a concurrent review with Cargill. If either agency rejects the extension, dispute resolution is invoked.

Therefore, although property ownership is still being determined, the Navy prefers to submit the draft FS to the regulatory agencies on March 15, 2001 as though Cargill has been identified as the property owner in order to maintain the FFA deliverable schedule.

Additionally, in order to facilitate Cargill review comments, please provide responses by March 9, 2001 on the following items:

- (1) The acceptability of the remedial alternatives and RAOs presented in the internal draft FS report,
- (2) Whether any information presented in the report is unacceptable to Cargill, and
- (3) Whether Cargill requires additional time to determine the acceptability of the report with a supporting schedule for review completion.

Finally, as discussed in the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Cargill expressed a desire to review all Northern Channel submittals as described in the FFA. Please provide an explanation of Cargill's review process, requirements, and schedule. This information will provide a basis for discussion of the Northern Channel FFA schedule of submittals with the agencies.

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We appreciate the opportunity to work together with you on these issues. If you have questions or comments, please Ms. Andrea Muckerman or Ms. Angela Patterson in any of the following ways:

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