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Mr. Ted Smith
Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition
277 W. Hedding Street, Room 209
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 requires the investigation of potential hazardous waste disposal sites. The Navy has been active in the identification, assessment verification, and characterization of waste disposal sites at installations throughout the nation since 1980. The investigation is conducted in three phases under the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program (formerly the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants Program). The first phase is the Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI). Data from the PA/SI identifies potential health, welfare and environmental effects at each site caused by past hazardous substance storage, handling, or disposal practices at Naval activities. This initial phase was completed at NAS Moffett Field in 1986.

Our PA/SI concluded that a comprehensive Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) be conducted to determine the nature and extent of releases and to evaluate remedial alternatives. This is the second phase of the IR Program. When concluded our RI/FS will analyze and recommend alternatives for site(s) remedy. Selection of an appropriate remedy for a site will be documented in our Record-of-Decision. Phase three implements the site remedy.

Section 211 of SARA requires the establishment of a Technical Review Committee (TRC) for Department of Defense sites, to provide comments on our proposed actions to remediate these sites. As a minimum, the TRC should include one representative from the Department of Navy, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), appropriate state and local authorities, and a public representative of the community involved.

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We have requested a nominee from the EPA and other agencies to participate on our TRC. The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition is considered by the Navy to reflect public interests of the community involved and we invite you to nominate a person to represent your organization on our TRC. We recommend your nominee have a scientific or engineering background as the topics for discussion can be technical. Please provide the name, title, and telephone number of your representative by May 31, 1989. This committee is in addition to the community relations program we are conducting, which allows for much broader public opportunity to identify community concerns and provide comments regarding our proposed actions for site remediation.

You will be notified in the near future of the date of the first TRC meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to set the TRC's agenda and to discuss its charter.

The point of contact for any further information regarding the proposed RI/FS study, or any suggestions regarding your choice for a public member of the TRC, is our Environmental Coordinator Mr. Michael Cain. He can be reached at (415) 966-5744.

Sincerely,

C. T. MOYER III