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Dear Mr. Chao:

MOFFETT FIELD NORTH BASE AREA INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN

As per conversation between the Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and the Navy, the following comments are forwarded to you at earnest. The Department has no objection to the investigation and its scope; however, there are few issues which require further clarification.

GENERAL COMMENTS

It seems that the objectives in the Work Plan were not expounded thoroughly in the text. The information on the NASA work on the storm drains is not given or if such cooperation will delay the work. Most sampling locations seem to be far from the two storm drains to assess the potential sources in the storm drains. No soil samples are recommended to determine the extent of the contamination, if any, in the drains. The investigation involved in determining the "potential sources in groundwater" needs further elucidation. The "potential sources in groundwater" is confusing. Perchance it should read "potential sources of groundwater contamination". The Work Plan must include a schedule delineating different aspects of the work phase.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

1. Section 3.2.1, please explain how you can ascertain if there are stream channels by conducting 9 CPTs across the north of the Base from West to East.
2. Section 3.2.2, please explain what the "diversion box" as well as the "structure" are.

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Please call me at (510) 540-3821, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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