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Dear Mr. Chao:

This letter confirms our phone conversation of 28 January 1992 regarding the North Base Area Investigation Draft Work Plan, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has no comments that would impact the field work. The following two comments are clarification comments that should be considered before the document is finalized.

One of the objectives of the proposed field investigation is coordination with NASA's storm/surface water study was not addressed in the scope of work. EPA understands the field schedule of the North Base Area Investigation and NASA's work do not coincide. The extent of any coordination/cooperation with NASA should be stated.

The criteria and rationale for the cone penetrometer testing (CPT) locations should be stated. Proposed CPT testing locations 1-9 are intended to determine if paleo-stream channels are transmitting contaminants to the North Base Area (NBA) at an accelerated rate. There is no information to address whether the CPT locations 1-9 are located in confirmed paleo-stream channels. What approach will be used to examine the contaminants transport rate?

Also Sites 10 through 22 have been selected to further define the location and size of a paleo-channel which may exist at the north end of runway 34L. Specific reference to previous work may be cited with the explanation of the criteria and rationale for the current work would helpful.

We believe this NBA effort to be an important data gathering effort to determine appropriate actions to protect the wetlands and San Francisco Bay. The Navy should proceed with this effort

as expeditiously as possible. As such, we request to be kept apprised of the field schedule for the NBA effort so that EPA representatives may coordinate water level measurements and duplicate/split sampling within the same time frame as the Navy effort. If you have any questions please contact me at (415) 744-2412.

Sincerely,



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