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MOFFETT FIELD ADDITIONAL TANK AND SUMP FIELD INVESTIGATION

Dear Mr. Chao:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) has reviewed the above report and forwarding the following comments for your consideration.

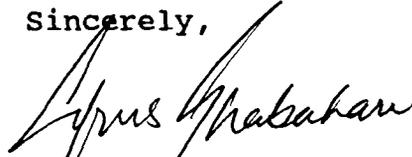
1. Page 4,
 - i Paragraph 1, all the references to the OU investigations must reflect the current changes.
 - ii. Paragraph 2, the investigation has demonstrated that past activities at Moffett Field have contributed to the regional plume. Please correct.
2. Page 13, paragraph 2, please provide the MW 14-1(A) data.
3. Page 20, last paragraph, the TCE level in Table 5 is 550 ppb; however, the text indicates a different level of 480 ppb. Please clarify.
4. Page 35,
 - i. Paragraph 2, the soil remediation in the Tank 53 area is postponed for "future activities". The Navy must explain how and when the soil remediation will commence. The Navy must address the remediation as part of an existing OU.
 - ii. Paragraph 3, although the Department agrees with further investigating the source of chlorinated VOCs in the groundwater, nevertheless the course of the investigation must be identified.

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5. Page 36, paragraph 1, the Department disagrees with the conclusion. The data indicate the TCE concentration decreases with depth. The highest TCE level of 550 ppb was detected at 15 feet whereas the lowest TCE level of 49 ppb was detected at 27 feet. It is therefore, inaccurate to conclude that the groundwater is the source of soil contamination. The Navy must address the soil cleanup.

Sincerely,



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