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Dear Sirs/Mmes:

I have reviewed the interagency agreement for Superfund clean-up at Moffett Field. Although I am pleased that state and federal agencies have been able to establish a framework for cooperation, I do have one concern.

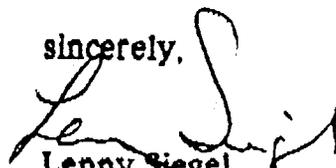
I am not an attorney, but it appears to me that in the agreement the agencies other than the Navy promise not to take legal action to force action, in exchange for detailed procedures for cooperation. While such a trade-off may be useful, it also appears to freeze the Navy's slow, vague timetable.

That it, if an investigation of any site at Moffett provides sufficient information to begin clean-up before 1995, then I would like to know that there is a way to move ahead of the schedule. Knowing the Navy—and many other organizations—such schedules are often interpreted as the last possible moment at which to carry out a task.

Therefore, I think the agreement should clearly include steps that the other agencies can take to speed clean-up where technically feasible.

Given the scarcity of Federal funding for such purposes, delay is easy. Given the risk to the environment, unjustified delay is hazardous and unacceptable.

sincerely,

  
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Director

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