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Re: Elimination of Sites Requiring No Further Action From OU2-West

Dear Mr. Chao,

In response to Navy letter Ser T4E2CG/L3444 of August 26, 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has agreed to eliminate certain soil sites at Operable Unit 2 - West from further soils action under CERCLA. As outlined below, not all of the requested sites can be eliminated.

- Site 10: The Navy states that no unsaturated soil contamination has been identified in this area. Yet, the OU2 Remedial Investigation Report (May 93) shows high values of VOC contamination. Section 11.0 (page 11-2) says "A total of six VOCs with concentrations ranging from 6 to 800 ppb were detected in four of the borings". This site does not meet qualifications for no further action. These soils still need to be remediated.
- Site 14: This site includes Tanks 19, 20, 67 and 68. Until Tank 68 is removed (along with the Building 88 demolition) and new soil samples to be taken show no contamination, this site cannot be eliminated from further action
- Site 16: This site includes Sump 60. Soils from this site can be eliminated from the OU2-West soils requiring further action. But the groundwater around this sump may still require remediation. Section 5.3 of the Draft Final Additional Tank and Sump Field Investigation Technical Memo (3/22/93) states that additional activities related to groundwater in the area of Sump 60 will be addressed during remediation of the west side aquifer. This still needs to be done.
- Site 17: This site includes Sump 61. Soils from this site can be eliminated from the OU2-West soils requiring further action.

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In summary, Sites 16 and 17 soils can be eliminated from the OU2-West soils requiring further action under CERCLA. Site 10 has high levels of VOCs as presented in the OU2 RI data. Site 14's Tank 68 needs removal and soil sampling before consideration for no further action. Additional work proceeding in the OU2-West area includes Sites 8 and 18, as mentioned in the subject letter. An information sheet should be prepared for the public explaining the no further action decision at these OU2-West sites. Call me at 415-744-2383 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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