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Mr. Stephen Chao
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Western Division
900 Commodore Way, Bldg. 101
San Bruno, CA. 94066

Re: Draft Final OU1 Proposed Plan, dated February 1, 1994

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the subject document. As described in the comments on the Draft Final OU1 Feasibility Study, the proximity and potential impact of the landfills' contamination to the ecological receptors, wetlands and other habitat in these adjacent ecological areas at Moffett Field has led EPA and others (the State, NASA and some members of the Community) to conclude that additional data presently being gathered during the site wide ecological assessment should be incorporated before finalizing the FS and Proposed Plan. The incorporation of groundwater into this operable unit was an important step into characterizing the potential impacts to human health, but this did not fully take effects on the surrounding ecological areas into consideration. In addition to allowing the regulators an opportunity to look at ecological assessment data, this approach will also allow us to analyze more rounds of groundwater sampling data in this area, where leaching could potentially occur.

Along with the Revised Draft Final FS, the Navy should submit a Revised Draft Final Proposed Plan. During our conference call of March 7, 1994, EPA understood that the Revised Draft Final FS incorporating the new site wide ecological data would be submitted to the regulatory agencies no later than January, 1995. In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, the Navy should provide a schedule for this delayed submittal and any other accompanying documents by the next RPM meeting (April 13th). Call me at 415-744-2383 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Gill".

Michael D. Gill
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cc: Elizabeth Adams (RWQCB), C. Joseph Chou (DTSC),
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