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Mr. Stephen Chao
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Re: Approval of Draft Final Phase I Site Wide Ecological Assessment Report Extension Request

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter of June 8, 1994 requesting extension of the Draft Final Phase I Site Wide Ecological Assessment (SWEA) Report to June 15, 1994. It is appreciated that the Navy has agreed to use the agencies' screening criteria as communicated in letters of May 6, 1994 (from all agencies) and June 6, 1994 (from EPA) and hereby grants the extension.

We agree that it was unfortunate that all of the detail necessary to define the screening criteria for chemicals of potential concern could not have been incorporated into the Phase I SWEA Workplan, but with a field that is as emergent as ecological assessments are, it is important to include the most current information available. It should be noted that our efforts will be useful for those doing ecological assessments elsewhere. It should save others the same effort in the future.

We appreciate your early efforts on the Phase II workplan, where the actual ecological impacts will be determined from the chemicals of concern to be reported in the Final Phase I SWEA report. Hopefully, this will prevent any further delays. If in the future you realize that an extension request is necessary, EPA would appreciate written correspondence as early as possible. We may have these discussions at our regular meetings, but the community also has a right to be aware of potential delays. 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
Remedial Project Manager
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cc: C. Joseph Chou (DTSC), Ken Eichstaedt (URS), Ron Gervason (RWQCB),
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