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**Subj: Navy Response to Comments on Final Operable Unit 1 Feasibility Study
Report, Moffett Federal Airfield**

Dear Mr. Chou:

Following a review of your comments on the final Operable Unit 1 (OU1) Feasibility Study (FS) Report dated May 19, 1995, the Navy understands your concerns to be related to two issues. The first issue is incorporation of the State's comments on the draft final OU1 Ecological Assessment Technical Memorandum (EATM) into the final OU1 FS Report. The second issue is continued coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) during the design of mitigation strategies for ecological receptors and habitats. The Navy's plan for addressing these concerns is discussed in the following paragraphs.

While producing the final OU1 FS Report, the Navy attempted to incorporate all of the State's comments on the draft final OU1 EATM. However, the Navy has not provided the results of radiological surveys of the landfills to the State with the final OU1 FS Report. The Navy will provide results of a radiological survey to the State prior to the initiation of any remedial action. The Navy is currently examining the previous studies conducted at OU1, if an adequate survey has not been completed the Navy will conduct one.

The Navy has begun coordination with the DFG to assist in the development of mitigation strategies. A site walk with representatives from the Navy, DFG, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) was taken on May 18, 1995 in order to verify the magnitude of impacts of the proposed remedy for OU1. The Navy plans on designing a mitigation plan in which the present wetland acreage as defined by both State and Federal resource trustees is maintained or increased. The Navy will also design the mitigation plan to have no net impacts to fish and wildlife values and to State- or Federally-listed endangered species. The Navy believes that continued coordination among the parties is critical to the success of the mitigation plan developed.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (415) 244-2563.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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