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## COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PLAN FOR FORMER NAS MOFFETT FIELD SITE 27— NORTHERN CHANNEL

Dear Ms. Espinoza:

The City of Mountain View appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Site 27—Northern Channel—proposed plan. City staff has reviewed the proposed plan and is conceptually supportive of the preferred clean-up alternative, "Alternative 2—Excavation and Off-Site Disposal." However, successful implementation of this alternative will depend on many details that need to be addressed either now or during the remedial design phase of the project. Therefore, City staff would like to submit the following comments for the record that should either be addressed during consideration of modifying the preferred alternative before the record of decision is finalized or during remedial design of the alternative:

1. *Traffic Impacts:* Off-site hauling and disposal of the excavated sediments and hauling of clean backfill soil will generate approximately 7,000 to 8,000 truck trips. Traffic impacts of this magnitude need to be coordinated with surrounding jurisdictions, including the City of Mountain View, the City of Sunnyvale and Caltrans, particularly in light of the major Highways 85/101 interchange project currently under construction.
2. *Remaining PCB, DDT and Lead Concentrations:* Transect 2 for PCBs and Transect 4 for PCBs, DDT and lead on Figure 6-1 in the feasibility study show anticipated remaining contaminant concentrations significantly higher than other transects. These transects are proposed for sediment removal to 1' below surface. Despite these concentrations being below the clean-up goals, consideration should be given to excavating these transects to levels that would achieve remaining concentrations more in line with the other transects.
3. *Locations for Confirmation Sampling:* Confirmation samplings should be taken at locations different from (perhaps spread equidistant between) the remedial

investigation/data gaps sampling locations in addition to confirmation samplings at the RI locations, if necessary. Such spreading of the sampling locations will give a more complete data picture.

4. *Monitoring of Revegetation:* Ongoing monitoring responsibility for successful revegetation of the channel is not addressed in the proposed plan. Will the Navy monitor the revegetation, and for how many years, to ensure proper plant species and growth occur? Or will NASA undertake this ongoing responsibility as part of their storm water system management?
5. *Western Pond Turtle:* More analysis about the western pond turtle's habits, habitats and relocation feasibility should be conducted by appropriate experts before selecting a clean-up alternative that requires them to be relocated.
6. *Public Workshop During RD/RA Phase:* Consideration should be given to holding a public workshop meeting during the remedial design/remedial action phase of the project to inform and get input from the public on many of the issues, such as those addressed above, that are important to the success of this project but are not addressed in sufficient detail in the proposed plan.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact me in the Mountain View City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or by e-mail at [kevin.woodhouse@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:kevin.woodhouse@ci.mtnview.ca.us) if you have any questions or require additional information regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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cc: City Council

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