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Ms. Andrea Muckerman
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Dear Ms. Muckerman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your request for an extension, for the submittal of the draft feasibility study (FS) for Site 27, the Northern Channel, dated March 14, 2001. Your request was submitted pursuant to Section 27 of the Federal Facilities Agreement for Moffett Federal Airfield. The FS was due on March 15, 2001, according to the Amended Attachment 3 FFA Schedule.

We have considered your rationale that there are data gaps which may significantly impact the ability to accurately estimate cost or determine cleanup levels in the draft FS. While we raised concerns over data gaps for this site in our comments on the Site Characterization Report, we understood from the Navy that data deficiencies would be resolved through the FS review process and Remedial Design phase. We attended two Navy-hosted technical meetings, November 29, 2000, and February 8, 2001, where the Navy presented us with materials in preparation for release of the FS. In the Navy's most recent RPM meeting minutes (dated January 11, 2001), it states for Site 27: "The Draft Feasibility Study is currently on schedule for issuance."

It is our opinion that the extension request does not constitute good cause under Section 27.2 of the FFA. Under Section 27.4 of the FFA, this letter is to inform you that we do not concur with your request. In addition, your extension request should have included the length of the extension requested according to the FFA Section 27.1.

We look forward to your response and to continue working toward cleanup of this site. I can be reached at (415) 744-1685 for further discussion.

Sincerely,



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