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SUBJECT: Extension request for Draft Feasibility Study (FS) for Site 27, Northern Channel

Dear Ms. Muckerman:

The San Francisco Bay Water Quality Control Board staff received your extension request for submittal of the subject document on March 14, 2001. The deadline for submittal of the document was March 15, 2001. We have considered the reasons for the request, which are that the Navy believes major data gaps impact the ability to accurately estimate the cost of the proposed alternatives. These data gaps include nature and extent of contamination, as well as site-specific field data for developing defensible, protective remedial action objectives.

We believe that this extension request is neither timely, nor well supported with technical rationale. On November 29, 2000 and February 8, 2001 Regional Board staff attended technical, working meetings on the Feasibility Study for Site 27. In addition, the Navy informed us at the February 15, 2001 BCT meeting that the FS would be submitted on schedule. We believe the record will show that the site-characterization and ecological risk assessment issues cited by the Navy were raised by the agencies in comments on previous documents. In response to agency comments, the Navy proposed to address data gaps during the Remedial Design and Construction Phases of the clean-up.

In view of these circumstances and pursuant to provisions of Section 27 of the Federal Facility Agreement for Moffett Federal Airfield, we deny the Navy's request for an extension of the submittal date for this document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 622-2390, e-mail: dam@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov or Lynn Suer at (510) 622-2422, als@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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