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Subj: CLARIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRANSFER
OF MOFFETT FIELD

Dear Mr. Falarski:

As discussed during our recent meeting regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NASA and the Navy, this letter is to clarify the Navy's commitment to the clean up of Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field.

First, please be advised that the Navy acknowledges that it retains complete responsibility for all actions related to the environmental restoration or remediation of any pollutant, contaminant or hazardous substance, including petroleum products, existing on or migrating from the NAS Moffett Field, regardless of whether such restoration or remediation is specifically required by the Federal Facility Agreement. Second, we want to confirm that after the closure and transfer of Moffett Field, the Navy will retain full responsibility for all environmental requirements and regulations arising out of or related to the activities of the Navy, and the Navy retains responsibility for the cleanup of any and all contamination, identified now and in the future, that is attributable to Navy operations.

The Navy's obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of the Navy and NASA shall include taking possession of, and properly managing any contaminated soil or groundwater that has been left in place in accordance with a CERCLA, RCRA, or other cleanup remedy but subsequently upon its excavation, disturbance, or discharge by NASA during development for reuse of Moffett Field becomes hazardous waste, or requires treatment prior to discharge.

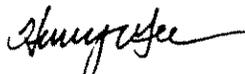
To assist the Navy in meeting its obligations as set forth in the MOU and as clarified in this letter, it is our understanding that NASA shall coordinate with the Navy to conduct investigations to document existing conditions at Moffett Field and to identify any possible contamination from Navy sources. Furthermore, it is our expectation that NASA will coordinate all NASA, resident agency, or tenant construction activities at Moffett Field with the Navy and shall seek to minimize the Navy's overall cleanup costs resulting from siting facilities or allowing construction to proceed at locations where such activities would result in release, discharge, or generation of contaminated soil or groundwater. In accordance with the MOU, NASA and its tenants and successors shall give notice to the Navy prior to any construction on or adjacent to areas of known or suspected contamination.

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We look forward to working with you to make the transition as smooth as possible. The point of contact for this letter is Mr. Stephen Chao, Code T4E2SC, at (415) 244-2563.

Sincerely,



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