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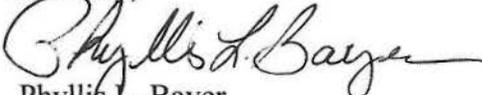
Dear Supervisor Mitchoff:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2018, regarding the disposal of potentially radioactive material at the Keller Canyon Landfill (KCL) from the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS). I am responding on behalf of Secretary Spencer. I share your concern regarding the protection of public health and safety and am committed to close collaboration with Contra Costa County on this issue.

I want to thank you for your leadership role, and that of the other members of the Board of Supervisors, to establish an agency and stakeholder working group to help ensure the public health and safety of the community. As you know, our technical staff participated in the first working group meeting on May 15, 2018. Additionally, representatives from KCL, the regulatory agencies, and the Department of the Navy (DON) participated in a Community Meeting organized by the Contra Costa County Department of Public Health on June 21, 2018. You have my commitment that the DON will continue to support this working group to address community concerns.

In response to your other requests, after extensive data evaluation and analysis, DON has determined that there were problems with Tetra Tech EC's radiological cleanup work at Hunters Point and, with concurrence by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, agreed to retest the soil and other necessary material throughout HPNS. We continue to review the soil disposal procedures to ensure that soil was characterized, manifested, transported and disposed of appropriately. With the full review results, we will keep you well informed of any additional measures deemed necessary to protect the public's health and safety. We are also evaluating our procedures for soil disposal oversight and working closely with the regulatory agencies and KCL to answer questions, address concerns, and develop appropriate courses of action.

I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns on this issue. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
  
Phyllis L. Bayer