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**Subject: Northwest Meadow Sampling, Soil Management Plan
Richmond Field Station
University of California, Berkeley**

Dear Ms. Nakashima:

On March 29, 2018, the University of California Berkeley proposed to conduct sampling activities at the Northwest Meadow at the Richmond Field Station to determine if historical industrial and commercial activities have impacted soil conditions. There is no history of industrial or commercial activities at the Northwest Meadow. The University resubmitted the letter on November 30, 2018 to incorporate comments received from DTSC dated May 10, 2018, and to clarify that the sampling event is being conducted under the SMP for two specific future projects: (1) use as a controlled-burn area for the City of Richmond Fire Department, and (2) a bank for transplanting native grasslands and other sensitive plants to other areas within RFS.

The two above projects are no longer proposed for the Northwest Meadow. Use of the meadow as an area for controlled burns by the City has been postponed indefinitely. In March 2019, with DTSC approval, native plants were harvested from the Big Meadow coastal terrace prairie in the footprint of the planned Northern Regional Library Facility Phase 4 expansion.

For these reasons, the University is no longer proposing to sample the Northwest Meadow at this time.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (510) 642-4848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Haet", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Haet
EH&S Associate Director
Environmental Protection