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**Re: Biological Assessment Report,  
Richmond Field Station Remediation Project  
University of California Berkeley  
BBL Project # 24210**

Dear Ms. Martindale and Mr. Buford:

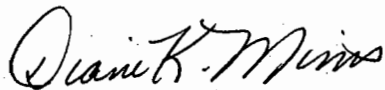
Per your request, Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. (BBL) is pleased to provide this Biological Assessment (BA) Report for the Richmond Field Station Remediation Project at the University of California Berkeley's (UC Berkeley) Richmond Field Station in Richmond, California. The BA was prepared on the behalf of UC Berkeley, Office of Capital Projects and in support of a Nationwide Permit 38 modification request submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on June 24, 2003.

We appreciate the ACOE and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's responsiveness in the review of this BA and your preparation of a Biological Opinion to allow this important, State-mandated project to stay on schedule. The construction work is scheduled to begin August 4, 2003 with

work beginning within the 150-foot buffer zone by mid-August. Work will not begin within Western Stege Marsh (ACOE jurisdiction) until after September 1, 2003. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call me at (925) 274-1100.

Sincerely,

BLASLAND, BOUCK & LEE, INC.



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