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Memorandum

To: Restoration Advisory Board Members
From: Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo
Date: December 9, 2010

Re: Toxic Vapor Issues at Moffett Field

I want to share with you a copy of my letter which I just sent to Secretary Mabus about the Navy's responsibility to remediate any pollutant, contaminant or hazardous substance at Moffett Field.

I'm very grateful for your ongoing restoration work at NASA Ames.

Enclosure

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Eshoo", with a long, sweeping underline.



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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
Department of Defense
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Secretary Mabus,

I'm concerned about recent news reports stating that the Navy is refusing to address toxic vapor issues at Moffett Field. The Navy's environmental coordinator Scott Anderson is quoted as saying, "it is the Navy's understanding that NASA will continue to work with EPA on implementation of necessary actions on its property."

According to the article in the San Jose Mercury News (Dec 7, 2010), the EPA considers the Navy and companies that leaked the solvents to be "responsible parties" that must pay for and implement the cleanup systems. In the 1992 MOU between the Navy and NASA, it clearly states on Page 3 that "the Navy retains complete responsibility for all actions related to the environmental restoration or remediation of any pollutant, contaminant or hazardous substance, including petroleum product existing or migrating from the NASMF."

I hope you will not shy away from any clean-up responsibilities that have been assigned to the Navy and I look forward to your prompt response.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator
The Honorable Charlie Bolden, NASA Administrator
Dr. Pete Worden, NASA Ames Director