



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

February 10, 2010

Dear Mr. Coté:

This letter is a follow-up to email correspondence from Mary Simms, Media Relations for U.S. EPA Region 9, concerning an article entitled, "Shipyard project curbing dust, says EPA draft" that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 5, 2010. This article referenced a draft report prepared by EPA in response to community concerns.

EPA has made a commitment to the community that the report would not be finalized until the community had the opportunity to review it with a technical advisor and provide input to the EPA. We anticipate finalizing the report this Spring.

EPA regrets that the conclusions of the draft report appeared in the article as the document is a work in progress. We could have pointed this out were we contacted about the report. Feel free to contact us if you want any follow-up information for another article.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Chesnut" with a small "for" written below it.

Michael Montgomery
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