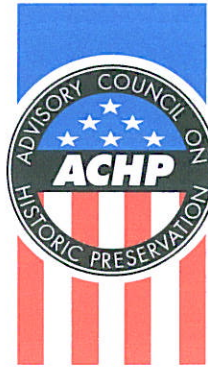


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Honorable Donald C. Winter
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Dear Secretary Winter:

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), I am writing to convey to you the final comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) on the proposed Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) removal action at Installation Restoration Program Site 29 (Hangar 1) at the former Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California.

Background

Pursuant to CERCLA, the Navy is proposing a Non-Time Critical Removal Action at Hangar 1. The siding on Hangar 1 is commercially known as Robertson Protected Metal and contains polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), the regulatory driver for this clean up action, and asbestos. The siding is believed to be a source of contamination in the Moffett stormwater settling basin. Asbestos and lead are also present in interior and exterior Hangar 1 building materials. In its Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA), dated July 2008, the Navy considers several removal alternatives to achieve its CERCLA responsibility and recommends the preferred removal action alternative as Alternative #10, removing the panels containing the hazardous substances and coating the exposed surfaces of the structure. This removal action would include the demolition of interior rooms within the hangar, removal of the corrugated metal siding and roof material from the hangar, and application of an epoxy coating on the remaining steel frame.

Hangar 1 is individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A for its association with a significant episode in the development of naval aviation prior to World War II and Criterion C as an example of early twentieth-century military planning, engineering, and construction in the Streamline Moderne architectural style. Hangar 1 is also a contributing element to the United States Naval Air Station Sunnyvale, California-Historic District, which is a nationally significant historic property listed on the NRHP in 1994. The historic district is significant under Criterion A for its association with the Lighter-than-Air program and the contributions that program made to history under the themes of coastal defense

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