

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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**REFER TO WST-8 AND SITE # NAV-157
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Subject: Closure of five underground storage tanks at Fort Courage (NAV-157)

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The analytical results for the well water samples collected at the UST site indicate no hydrocarbon concentrations above appropriate EPA, Region IX or NNEPA cleanup levels for drinking water. The information submitted has assisted EPA and NNEPA in assessing the status of this site, where four USTs were removed, and one UST was abandoned in place on March 17, 2003. Based on this data, this site does not appear to pose a current threat to human health and the environment. Therefore, EPA and NNEPA are not requiring further action at this time.

Please call Walt Guggenheimer of my staff at (415) 972-3377, or Henry Haven at the NNEPA at (928) 871-7997 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

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