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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) for the Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project, Solano and Napa Counties, California (CEQ # 20090162)

Dear Ms. Smith:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provided comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on June 24, 2008. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns - Insufficient Information (EC-2) because of the lack of information regarding the management of contaminated sediments, impacts of the project on the larger San Pablo Bay sediment budget, and implementation of the adaptive management strategy. We also recommended mitigation measures be identified and adopted for reducing the generation of ozone precursors from construction equipment.

We appreciate the additional information in the Final EIS that responds to our comments, as well as the adoption of our suggested mitigation measures for air quality. These measures are especially important since the estimate of ozone precursors that the project will generate has been substantially increased. We recommend these and all mitigation measures be included in the Record of Decision, and as conditions in construction contracts and any other approvals, as appropriate.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this FEIS. If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-972-3521, or contact Karen Vitulano, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-947-4178 or vitulano.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

For Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager
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