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Dear Senator Guthertz,

Thank you for your letter of August 5, 2010 regarding the Navy's commitment to "Adaptive Program Management" and "force flow reduction." The Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed Guam and CNMI Military Relocation will make a firm commitment to implement both of these mitigation measures.

Consistent with the U.S. Government's agreements with the Government of Japan, 2014 remains the target date for completion of the realignment of Marine Corps forces from Okinawa to Guam. However, the FEIS acknowledges that completion of the proposed military alignment by 2014 would cause significant environmental impacts and would adversely affect the already strained public utility systems. In response, the Department will implement adaptive program management and force flow measures to control the pace of construction, and thus the rate of population growth. Implementation of these measures will lessen the effect of the realignment on utilities and other parts of Guam's infrastructure.

The examples of adaptive program management and force flow reduction provided in Chapter 2 of Volume 7 of the FEIS demonstrate the effect of implementing these two mitigation measures. These examples were not intended to document a firm population growth peak figure because the figure will change as the measures are implemented. Actual implementation of adaptive program management, which will be coordinated through the Civil Military Coordination Council, will determine the pace and sequencing of construction, which will ultimately define the actual peak population growth. We are committed to controlling the pace and sequencing of construction, and the associated population growth, to not exceed the capacities of Guam's utilities services.

I hope this letter answers your concerns and reaffirms the Department of the Navy's commitment to responsible implementation of the military build-up on Guam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger M. Natsuhara", is written over a horizontal line.

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