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NASA Ames Research Park– Moffett Field Issues Contract to Environmental Consulting Firm

In August of 2006, a Prime Contractor working for NASA-Ames at the Moffett Field facility in Mt. View issued a contract to Benchmark Environmental Engineering for lead paint hazard evaluation inspections on 80+ buildings to include the famous Hanger 1.

In 1933, the United States Government commissioned Sunnyvale Naval Air Station which was later renamed NAS Moffett Field. The original mission of the Naval Air Station was to serve as a home base for the Navy dirigible the U.S.S. Macon. Later, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) established what would eventually become NASA Ames Research Center adjacent to the Naval Air Station.

Moffett Field was closed as a military base on July 1, 1994. Supervision of Moffett's many facilities, two runways, and three aircraft hangars was turned over to NASA Ames Research Center. NASA now operates Moffett Field as part of NASA Ames Research Center. Adaptive re-use of historic buildings is being planned and implemented by NASA at Moffett Field

Based on the re-use, the buildings that contain lead paint require a hazard evaluation prior to any re-use. Benchmark Environmental conducted the original lead paint inspections on 118 of the buildings on site from 2002-2004.

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