

**COMMENT LETTER 117 - PETER U. RODDA (OCTOBER 7, 1996), RECEIVED  
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**Response to Comment 117-1**

*Comment Summary: The comment states that the analysis and resulting monitoring and mitigation measures prepared for the paleontology section are inadequate. The comment notes that most of the geologic units within the project area, including Sonoma Volcanics, Petaluma, Wilson Grove, and Glen Ellen formations, and the Great Valley Sequence (part of the Franciscan component), are known to be fossiliferous.*

The EIR/EIS authors agree that the above-referenced geologic units are potentially fossiliferous as is stated on pages 4.15-10 of the Draft EIR/EIS. Refer to Response to Comment 114-12 for the addition of Sonoma Volcanics as potentially fossiliferous.

Response to Comment 114-10 identifies changes that have been made to the mitigation monitoring program (page 2-116 of the Draft EIR/EIS). The changes include a requirement for comprehensive paleontological study of the preferred alternative and more specific monitoring and mitigation measures. These changes will provide for the identification of known paleontologic resources in the study area of the preferred alternative.

The comment has not provided any specifics or evidence supporting the claim that the analysis in the Draft EIR/EIS is "obviously inadequate," and the authors are thus unable to respond more specifically.

