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Dear Mr. Joyce:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULE, OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1 AND OU-2A GROUNDWATER, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EI TORO

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your letter dated May 28, 1999, requesting a 30-day extension for the submittal of draft final Proposed Plan (PP) for OU 1 and OU-2A (Sites 18 and 24) Groundwater Remediation. The current due date for the draft final PP is June 1, 1999. A revised FFA Appendix A schedule dated May 28, 1999 accompanied your letter as Enclosure #1. The extension is needed because Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) is considering significant changes in the design and purposes of the Irvine Desalter Project and has not submitted written details of the proposed project. The extension will allow the Department of Navy and the regulatory agencies to evaluate the IRWD's proposal once submitted to all parties.

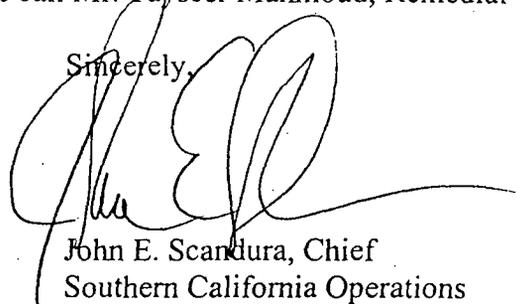
DTSC understands that there is cause for the extension. It is our understanding that the Department of the Navy (DON) has not yet received a formal written proposal of the "new" alternative that the IRWD wishes to model. Furthermore, the submittal of the draft final Proposed Plan is currently linked to a settlement agreement with the IRWD and the Orange County Water District. DTSC is concerned that the modeling may take considerably longer than 30 days or even longer than 90 days as has been estimated.

DTSC recommends that this matter be discussed with all parties concerned as soon as possible, to evaluate whether or not there is a viable plan for resolution of this matter, and whether or not a successful resolution of this matter can be achieved in a realistic time frame. If such resolution appears unlikely, DTSC will request that the DON explore other remedial alternatives. In order to facilitate this discussion, DTSC will grant the thirty day extension for OU-1 and OU-2A, with the expectation that at the end of the thirty days, there will be a determination as to whether or not additional extensions may or may not be reasonable.

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Sincerely,



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