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Dr. Charles R. Bennett  
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for letter dated November 11, 1999, on behalf of the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro (El Toro) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). Your letter expressed RAB concerns over the proposed remedy for the landfills at Sites 2 and 17 and specifically, the presence of radionuclides in and around the landfills.

Since your letter, the Department of the Navy (DON) has agreed to perform a radiological survey of the landfills including those at Sites 3 and 5. Additional actions will depend upon survey results. The DON also agreed to submit to the RAB a copy of the draft radiological survey work plan for RAB review and comment.

In addition to performing the above survey, the DON will (as part of the remedy) also be conducting groundwater monitoring for radionuclides. EPA has reviewed your letter and we will recommend to the DON that in addition to the other constituents that will be monitored, there should be: at least one round of groundwater sampled for Strontium 90; speciation for radium in the groundwater around the landfills; and speciation of Uranium.

Please keep in mind that long-term groundwater monitoring will be an important component of the remedy to ensure the effectiveness of the caps.

Again thank you for your interest in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 744-2210 if you have any further concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Kistner".

Glenn Kistner  
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