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FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULE FOR OPERABLE UNIT (OU)-
2C, INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) SITES 3 AND 5, MARINE
CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received your letter dated December 15, 2000 requesting an extension of a deadline for Sites 3 and 5 as forth in Appendix A of the FFA for MCAS El Toro. The extension request is made pursuant to Section 9.2 (g) of the FFA.

As indicated in your letter and associated enclosure, a five-month extension is needed to submit the draft final Record of Decision (ROD) for Sites 3 and 5. The letter requests that the submittal date for the draft final ROD change from December 15, 2000, to May 15, 2001.

DTSC understands that the schedule for Sites 3 and 5 has been impacted by the increased public interest and involvement in the development of the Historical Radiological Assessment and preparation of the Radiological Survey Plan. The radiological survey of Sites 3 and 5 needs to be completed for the information to be incorporated into the draft final ROD. Additionally, Sites 2 and 17 have been identified as habitat for the California Gnatcatcher. Due to their impending breeding season, the schedule for Sites 2 and 17 has been moved ahead of Sites 3 and 5 in priority for radiological survey.

DTSC understands that this schedule is based upon the receipt of favorable results from the radiological survey for Sites 3 and 5. According to the proposed schedule,

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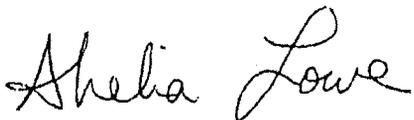
radiological survey results and comments on the draft ROD will be incorporated into ROD and forwarded to the BCT for review on April 23, 2001. In this proposed schedule, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT) has been allocated two weeks to complete their review by May 7, 2001. Then, the draft final ROD will be issued on May 15, 2001.

In order to accommodate an expedited two-week review of the ROD after incorporation of the radiological survey results, the following conditions must be met:

1. The results from the radiological survey are favorable.
2. All other issues are resolved prior to April 23, 2001 (the beginning of the expedited review period) and the only remaining issue is incorporation of the radiological survey results.
 - a. Verify that a formal response was provided to all comments submitted on the Draft ROD. If not, prepare a formal response to these comments and resolve any resulting issues prior to April 23, 2001 (the beginning of the 2-week expedited review).
 - b. Following release of the draft ROD, the Department of the Navy (DON) and DTSC executed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for land use covenants (LUCs). The ROD language needs to be modified to reflect this MOA (similar to the language in the Interim ROD for Sites 2 and 17). Based upon clarification provided by the DON during a conference call on December 19, 2000, DTSC understands that the DON will facilitate this process by providing copies of the ROD modifications for DTSC (including the Office of Legal Counsel) review and concurrence. This issue also needs to be resolved prior to April 23, 2001.

DTSC agrees that good cause exists for the extension and hereby grants your request for changes to the FFA schedule with the conditions specified herein. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Triss Chesney, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,



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