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Mr. William R. Mills, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you for your July 11, 1996 letter about the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, Installation Restoration Program (IRP). I understand your concern and I assure you that, whenever possible, we will invite Orange County Water District (OCWD) staff to attend future interagency IRP meetings.

Your representatives have been welcome participants at countless IRP meetings, briefings, and workshops during the past 5 years. There are times, however, when it is appropriate to limit attendance for technical, legal, or policy reasons. The June 26 IRP meeting in San Francisco, for example, was limited to Federal Facilities Agreement signatories because of the specific issues and responsibilities to be discussed. On those occasions when we must limit attendance, we will be glad to offer OCWD an opportunity to make a pre-meeting presentation, just as we did in San Francisco.

We remain committed to openness and cooperation with OCWD, other regulatory agencies and the public. The need for an occasional "executive session" or working meeting between Department of the Navy (DON) and regulatory agency Remedial Project Managers should not be allowed to disrupt the productive OCWD/DON relationship that has developed over the years. We look forward to working closely with OCWD as we move into the important cleanup phase of the MCAS El Toro IRP.

My Assistant Chief of Staff for Environment and Safety, Mr. Wayne Lee, will be happy to respond to any questions you may have. You or your staff can contact Mr. Lee at (714) 726-6614.

Sincerely,

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