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Mr. Joseph Joyce  
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Re: EPA Response to Request for Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) Schedule Extension, Sites 3 and 5 Landfills, MCAS El Toro

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your letter dated December 2, 1998, in which you provided a schedule of tasks and meetings supporting your initial November 3, 1998, FFA extension request. Your November letter requested an extension of 6 months, until May 4, 1999, for submitting a draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Sites 3 and 5 landfills.

Upon review of the aforementioned tasks, EPA has decided to grant MCAS El Toro an extension until March 15, 1999, to submit the draft ROD for Sites 3 and 5 landfills. I would like to point out that one of the tasks as proposed by the Navy is for the regulatory agencies to "research landfill sites" within California in support of irrigation of monolithic caps. No one from EPA has any recollection of either discussing this activity with the Navy or agreeing to undertake it, therefore this task should be deleted.

EPA believes the 18 week extension granted by the regulatory agencies is fair and will allow significant time to resolve landfill issues. EPA is also willing to reassess the need for any additional extensions, within several months, if landfill discussions progress sufficiently.

EPA requests that the Navy submit a revised schedule reflecting the new FFA deadline and schedule requirements. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 744-2210, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Glenn R. Kistner  
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