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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) reviewed your letter dated May 15, 2001 requesting an extension of a deadline for OU 2C 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, a six-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 May 15, 2001 to November 14, 2001.

DTSC understands that the schedule for Sites 3 and 5 has been further impacted by delay of the radiological survey effort as a result of natural resource issues. The Department of the Navy (DON) is coordinating with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on natural resource issues associated with Sites 1, 2 and 17. This coordination has delayed commencement of the radiological survey for various sites at MCAS El Toro. In turn, this has delayed completion of the radiological survey at Sites 3 and 5 and incorporation of the results into the associated draft final ROD.

DON also intends to take the opportunity during the delay to supplement the draft final ROD with information on how Anomaly Area 3 and Aerial Photograph Anomaly (APHO) 46 will be addressed in the context of Sites 3 and 5.

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Your letter also requests a commitment to a 30-day review period for both the draft Radiological Release Report and the draft final ROD. DTSC will coordinate review of the draft Radiological Release Report with the California Department of Health Services (DHS); however, at this time, DTSC cannot commit to a 30-day review as requested by the DON. Accordingly, since the draft final ROD will include information from the draft Radiological Release Report and both documents will be issued on the same date, the review periods should coincide.

Although DTSC cannot commit to a 30-day review period for the draft Radiological Release Report, DTSC agrees that good cause exists for the extension and hereby grants your request for changes to the FFA schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Triss Chesney, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

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