



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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August 24, 1998

Mr. Joseph Joyce  
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P.O. Box 95001  
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Re: EPA Approval of Changes to Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) Schedule, Operable Unit  
1 (Site 18) and Operable Unit 2A (Site 24) Ground Water

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter dated August 20, 1998, requesting a three month extension to submit the draft ground water Proposed Plan and Record of Decision (ROD) for Sites 18 and 24. Under your proposed schedule revision, the Proposed Plan and ROD would be submitted on November 24, 1998 and September 2, 1999 respectively.

The reason for your requested schedule change is to allow more time for the Navy, the Orange County Water District and the Irvine Ranch Water District to finalize their settlement negotiations for a joint water project. Your letter states that; "you estimate no more than three months for all parties to work out the final differences and have a signed settlement package."

Based on your appraisal of the time needed to conclude negotiations and to reach an agreement, your extension request is approved. Please keep me informed of any further developments.

Sincerely,

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

Glenn R. Kistner  
Remedial Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

cc: Patricia Hannon, RWQCB  
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