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Mr F. Andrew Piszkin
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RE: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Extension Request for Review Period of Draft Remedial Investigation Report (RI) for Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 1, Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) a 30-day extension for the review period for the Draft RI Report for IRP Site 1. This extension would result in comments on the subject document being due to the Department of the Navy (DON) by 2 September 2005.

It is anticipated that this extension request would delay delivery of subsequent FFA primary documents for this site. However, it is EPA's understanding that the data and findings of continuing field efforts at IRP Site 1 are to be provided in the Draft Final RI Report. The requested extension would provide additional time for the DON to fully complete this work and develop the additional sections for the report prior to receiving comments on the draft version.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 415-972-3349.

Sincerely,

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