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Mr Darren Newton  
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RE: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix A Schedule and Extension Request for Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 12 and Anomaly Area 3 Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Dear Mr. Newton:

EPA has received the Department of the Navy's (DoN) updated MCAS El Toro FFA Appendix A Schedule for primary submittal documents and request for extensions for IRP Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 12 and Anomaly Area 3. We also appreciate receiving the detailed IRP sites schedules for our records to track advancement of IRP site work. As these issues were discussed in detail at the 25 January 2006 BRAC Cleanup Team meeting, EPA approves of all subject requests as proposed.

For IRP Site 1 the extension request is due to the requests made by EPA and the State for a review period for the response to comments on Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. EPA agrees with the need to resolve outstanding issues on the risk assessments prior to delivery of the Draft Final RI Report and approves the proposed extension request.

For IRP Site 2 EPA also agrees with the need to incorporate the findings of recent field investigations and treatability testing into the decision-making process and to cover all aspects of Sites 2 and 17 in the Record of Decision (ROD). Therefore, EPA approves the proposed extension request.

For IRP Sites 3 and 5 EPA concurs with the need to provide the documentation to address radiological issues at these sites as an aspect of the decision-making process. EPA commends the DoN in working with the State to resolve their technical concerns on radiological issues and provide a path forward for multiple IRP sites at MCAS El Toro. Therefore, EPA approves this extension request.

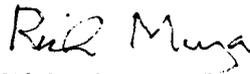
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For IRP Sites 8 and 12 the State's technical concerns on radiological issues have been resolved and the Final Feasibility Study (FS) Addendum and Draft Final Proposed Plan have been delivered on schedule. As such, EPA approves the proposed extension request.

For Anomaly Area 3 EPA requested the 30-day extension for review of the Draft RI/FS Report and accepts the need to shift the schedule accordingly. Therefore, EPA approves of the proposed extension.

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

Sincerely,



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