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RE: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule Extension Request, Anomaly Area 3 (AA-3)
and Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, and 17
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 AA-3 and IRP Sites 1, 2, 3, 5, and 17. As these issues were briefly discussed at the 31 May 2006 BRAC Cleanup Team meeting, EPA approves of all subject requests as proposed.

For AA-3 EPA agrees that the human-health and ecological risk assessment issues are consistent with those identified in comments on the Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for IRP Site 1. Therefore, resolution of these issues should occur on a parallel track with the efforts at IRP Site 1. The requested extension would allow for this to occur.

For IRP Site 1 the extension request is due in part to the request for applicable, relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) made by the DoN to the State and assuring that the ARARs compilation by the State is complete. The delay would also allow for additional data, with particular regard to radionuclides, to be incorporated into the Draft Final RI Report. EPA agrees with the need to include the radionuclides assessment in the Draft Final RI Report and approves the proposed extension request.

For IRP Site 2 and 17 EPA understands the logistical difficulties that can be encountered in completing construction of a large-scale project such as the landfill capping at IRP Site 2. Therefore, EPA approves the proposed extension request.

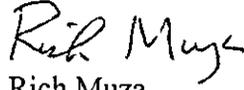
For IRP Sites 3 and 5 EPA concurs with the need to provide the documentation to address

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radiological issues at these sites as an aspect of the decision-making process. EPA desires that all issues related to these IRP sites are resolved and included in the final Record of Decision. Therefore, EPA approves this extension request.

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

Sincerely,



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