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Mr F. Andrew Piszkin
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RE: Anomaly Area 3 Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix A Schedule Update and
Extension Request
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

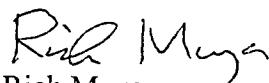
Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the updated FFA Appendix A schedules with respect to Anomaly Area 3 at the former MCAS El Toro. EPA had agreed at the recent BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting to the Department of the Navy's (DoN) proposal for an accelerated process for this project that would lead to development of a combined Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study Report followed by the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision. We appreciated receiving the detailed project schedule in a timely fashion following our memorandum of 25 January 2005 requesting such action.

The DoN's 6 April submission of the subject schedule rapidly follows EPA's 5 April memorandum requesting that target dates for the FFA deliverables for Anomaly Area 3 be formally submitted to the BCT in a revised FFA Appendix A. The EPA approves of the proposed FFA schedule and corresponding extension request for Anomaly Area 3.

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

Sincerely,


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