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Mr. Joseph Joyce
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Re: Optimization and Evaluation of SVE Unit for Site 24

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I am responding to your letter dated December 2, 1998, in which you inform me that the Soil Vapor Extraction System (SVE) for the Site 24 vadose remediation at MCAS El Toro will be undergoing start-up testing followed by testing and evaluating under "live" operating conditions. Your letter also requested EPA concurrence to utilize previously approved (by EPA) planning documents during the testing phase in lieu of submitting "new" documents.

EPA hereby concurs with your proposal since the Navy will be performing essentially the same activities as have previously been approved by the regulatory agencies. We look forward to visiting the site when the testing is underway.

Sincerely,

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

Glenn R. Kistner
Remedial Project Manager
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