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Dear Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team (BCT) Members:

Per Section 21 of the 1990 Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) for the Former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro (Station), in Orange County California, this letter serves as notification that the Department of the Navy (Navy) is preparing to conduct a Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) at Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 1, located in the northeastern portion of the Station. Site 1 is comprised of two distinct areas: the Former EOD Training Range (Navy-owned and located on the Station) and the Adjacent Property area (private property never owned by the Navy or part of the Station). Field activities pursuant to this removal action will be implemented within six months of this notification.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12580, the Navy is conducting this action in accordance with section 104 of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 USC § 9604, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), and to the extent practicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, as amended.

The Navy has been working closely with the regulatory agencies to resolve an ongoing disagreement regarding the appropriate closure documentation required for the Former EOD Training Range portion of IRP Site 1. This documentation disagreement has resulted in a delay in finalizing the Feasibility Study (FS) and Proposed Plan for IRP Site 1, thereby delaying

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remedial action on the Adjacent Property. The delay in resolving the documentation disagreement has resulted in a remedial action schedule that is inconsistent with the private property owner's redevelopment schedule for the Adjacent Property area.

Because redevelopment activities on the Adjacent Property area are now reasonably expected to begin before the remedial action is conducted, there is a potential threat to public safety. This requires the Navy to complete removal activities before February 2017 to protect workers on the site as well as future residents.

The documents prepared to date (e.g., Remedial Investigation, FS, Proposed Plan), which have been reviewed by the regulatory agencies, provide detailed information about the Site and anticipated remedial activities pursuant to the notification requirements outlined in FFA Sections 11.4(b) and 11.4(c). Per FFA Section 11.4(c), the Navy will also provide an Action Memorandum and Removal Action Work Plan, completing the notification requirements. Additionally, the Navy is preparing a public fact sheet to promote public awareness of the status of the IRP Site 1 program.

The Navy will continue to work closely with the BCT and provide updates during this removal action process. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (619) 524-4610.

Sincerely,



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