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Ms. Nardy Kahn  
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Dear Ms. Kahn and Mr. Sobhani:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of proposed field activities in The Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) Agua Chinon Retarding Basin, Number F18B01, (Retarding Basin) that is located just north of the Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, the Former Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training Range and to coordinate access for the proposed field activities.

As you are aware, the EOD Training Range was primarily operational from 1952 to 1999. The Navy, under the authority established by Executive Order 12580, is investigating and cleaning up the EOD Training Range and the Retarding Basin together as Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 1 pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 42 U.S.C. 9604, et seq., and as provided in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300.

The proposed field activities comprise the final removal action for the Retarding Basin as a follow-up to previous investigations and actions completed by the Navy in 2008 and 2010. The proposed field activities will include: trimming and clearing brush to allow access for the scanning equipment, performing visual scans and geophysical surveys, and identifying and removing remaining Material Potentially Presenting Explosive Hazard, Munitions and Explosives of Concern, and munitions debris as appropriate. These activities will be substantially similar to the type activities previously completed under Encroachment Permit No. 2009-00807, but employing different equipment and survey design. This removal action has been designed to support the continued operation of the Retarding Basin as well as the future reuse of The Irvine Company's property in the same area.

It is anticipated that appropriate CERCLA planning documentation will be transmitted to the regulatory agencies (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region), other stakeholders and OCFCD in October 2016. The methods and procedures of our field activities will be detailed in this CERCLA documentation. The Navy anticipates that fieldwork will begin the winter of 2016 after the submittal of the CERCLA Documentation. Therefore, the

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Navy requests OCFCD's written confirmation of support for this planned CERCLA removal action through a new Encroachment Permit or revision of the previous Entry Permit (No. 2009-00807).

The Navy will provide OCFCD with periodic updates on its field activities. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (619) 524-4610. For property issues, please contact Ms. Amy Jo Hill at (619) 524-1680.

Sincerely,



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