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COMMENT ON THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR INSTALLATION RESTORATION SITES 1, 2 AND 14 AT THE FORMER LONG BEACH NAVAL STATION, LONG BEACH

Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your comment concerning the CEQA Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration for Installation Restoration Sites 1, 2, and 14 at the former Long Beach Naval Station. We have reviewed all comments received on the project and have prepared the enclosed Response to Comments document. DTSC requests that a copy of the Response to Comments document be placed in the information repository.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the Response to Comments document, please contact me at (714) 484-5439.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure





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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION for INSTALLATION RESTORATIONS SITES 1, 2, and 14 FORMER LONG BEACH NAVAL STATION

August 12, 1999

On June 10, 1999, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration for a Draft Remedial Action Plan for Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2, and an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for Installation Restoration Site 14. Public comments on the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration were invited during the 30-day public notice and comment period. The comment period was closed on July 9, 1999.

During the public comment period, four comments were received regarding the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration. These comments are listed and addressed below.

1. Submitted by Mr. Dave Hall

COMMENT

On page 36 [of the Initial Study] it states: "During the remedial action, a light water spray MAY be used as a dust suppressant to reduce the release of contaminants from dust."

Please substitute "WILL" for "MAY." This would strengthen the mitigation measure and help the Black Crown Night Heron.

RESPONSE

During the remedial action implementation, the Navy will use a dust suppressant to reduce the release of contaminants. This will be incorporated into the Remedial Design for the project. The Initial Study has been revised to "will."



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2. Submitted by Mr. Thomas Macchiarella, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

COMMENT

On page 36 [of the Initial Study], please remove all reference stating that trees will not be removed and include the following sentence:

“The Navy will coordinate with the Port of Long Beach to relocate and/or replace any trees that are removed or damaged as a result of the remediation.”

RESPONSE

DTSC has made the requested change; however, the Navy must ensure that the remedial activities will not commence until after the Black Crown Night Heron nesting season, and minimize disturbance of any nests. This issue must be fully addressed in the Remedial Design for the project.

3. Submitted by Mr. Stephen J. Buswell, Department of Transportation

COMMENT

It is noted on page 46 of the Initial Study/ Proposed Negative Declaration that a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) will be implemented during the Installation Restoration process at Project Sites 1, 2 and 14 (proposed). The TCP will control the number of movements and flow of trucks in and out of the Project Sites. It is also noted on page 49 of the Initial Study/ Proposed Negative Declaration that the staggering of truck trips from the three proposed Project Sites will result in approximately 20 trips during peak hours. If as a part of the (RAP) a (TCP) is implemented and results in the estimated number of trips during peak hours then we concur with the proposed traffic/ circulation mitigation measures outlined in the Initial Study/ Proposed Negative Declaration.

Please be aware that a Caltrans Transportation Permit will be required if a valid Caltrans Transportation Permit does not already exist for those trucks, which exceed weight limitations. We will contact you further should we identify any issues that should be brought to your attention.

RESPONSE

DTSC would like to thank you for your comments. DTSC and the Navy will ensure that the mitigation measures as outlined in the Initial Study are adhered to during the remedial actions. Furthermore, the Navy will ensure that the appropriate permits are acquired for the proposed project, as necessary, including Caltrans Transportation Permits.

4. Submitted by Mr. Larry Simon, California Coastal Commission

COMMENT

The Land Use Section (page 38) of the document states that:

The current Port Master Plan for the LBNSTA is designated for Federal Use; however, when LBNSTA is transferred to the Port of Long Beach, the Port intends to develop the main base and the Mole for expanded container terminal uses. The Port of Long Beach is currently in the process of amending the Port Master Plan to change the proposed project site's planning district designation from Federal use to primary port and/ or port related uses.

The Coastal Commission certified a port master plan amendment in July 1996 which designated new permitted land uses at the former Long Beach Naval Station and Naval Shipyard, now referred to as the Long Beach Naval Complex. The permitted land uses at the LBNC now include primary-port, port-related, ancillary, and navigation uses. Subsequently, in November 1998, the Commission certified a port master plan amendment which included specific primary-port and port-related development projects at the LBNC.

RESPONSE

Thank you for alerting DTSC of the port master plan amendment. DTSC will note this change in permitted land uses at the LBNC and amend the Initial Study accordingly.