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Lieutenant Commander J. L. Snyder  
Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy  
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Dear Lieutenant Commander Snyder:

**REVIEW OF DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE LONG BEACH  
NAVAL COMPLEX**

We have completed our review of the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) and regret that we cannot approve the PPP as currently written. The PPP would require extensive modifications to meet the requirements outlined in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's Public Participation Policy and Guidance Manual, as well as the intent of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

The major area of our concern with the PPP is its focus. Most of the discussion in the plan details the cleanup process rather than focusing on community concerns and how the U.S. Navy plans to address those concerns.

Ms. Joyce Whiten, Supervisor of Public Participation Base Closures outlined our concerns to Mr. James Pawlisch, Director Environmental Division, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in a conversation on May 24, 1993. She also offered to provide a training seminar to the Navy contractors and personnel, who would be responsible for developing and writing PPP's. We would be willing to do this so as to avoid any such future occurrences.

I also am available to meet with you and your contractor to discuss changes to the PPP. Please contact me at (310) 590-4949 to set up a meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Best".

Claire Best  
Public Participation Specialist

cc: See next page.



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