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Dear Commander Snyder:

RCRA CORRECTIVE ACTION: PROPOSED INTERIM AND PERMANENT RE-USE OF
SITE 6 FOR PORT OF LOS ANGELES "PIER 300" PROJECT

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) is writing this letter to follow up on the discussions from the March 26, 1993 meeting between the Department, Long Beach Naval Station, Navy Southwest Division Engineering Command and the Port of Los Angeles.

The Department understands, from the Navy's March 5, 1993 letter and from the meeting, that the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) proposes to construct, as part of their "Pier 300" project, a temporary detour of Seaside Avenue across Site 6 in order to build a railroad overpass across existing Seaside Avenue. The Department also understands that the "Pier 300" project will entail the construction of a permanent railroad right of way across Site 6 beginning in 1995.

The Department, conceptually, does not object to the POLA proposals. However, before a definitive decision can be reached, more detailed information on the timing, scope and magnitude of the proposals is needed. In addition, all potentially significant impacts on human health and safety and the environment must be considered and evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

To initiate the Department's approval process, we request a report presenting an overview of the proposals and a detailed discussion of the technical aspects of the projects as submitted. The report should entail appropriate engineering, geological, geotechnical and environmental considerations including, but not limited to, the following:



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1. Transverse and longitudinal cross sections for the proposed detour and railway. These must include the width and depth of the fill, the amount of compaction and neat lines of excavation and fill.
2. The methods and equipment to be utilized to evaluate subsurface conditions and soil characteristics. This should include the number and type of borings, samples and analysis for profiling both the engineering and environmental quality of the subsurface media (i.e. landfill characteristics).
3. The engineering controls to be implemented to address surface and subsurface drainage. This should entail both physical grading and the installation of infrastructure.
4. The considerations to be made to allow access to environmental monitoring well or soil boring locations as proposed in either the Phase I and/or Phase II (if necessary) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Workplan.
5. The methodology to be implemented to remove and dispose of the Seaside Avenue detour road and subbase once the overpass is built.

The Department's other concerns involve the health and safety of contractors and Navy employees onsite and the users of the proposed detour and railway. In addition, the Department is concerned about potential environmental impacts resulting from the projects. We recently received a copy of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by POLA for the "Pier 300" project. However, the specific proposals involving improvements to known hazardous waste contaminated Federal facility property (Site 6) were not addressed. An addendum to the EIR addressing the significant effects of the Site 6 proposals must be submitted to the Department and made available to the facility's mailing list and to the general public. Likewise, appropriate research must be conducted to determine if these projects will constitute a removal action as defined by the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and whether or not the proposals will require a public notice as specified by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 300, Section 415.

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Within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter, please notify the Department of the submittal dates for the aforementioned information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Craig O'Rourke of my staff at (310) 590-4875.

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