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Dear Lt. Commander Snyder:

The proposed corrective action activities for Site 6A at the Long Beach Naval Complex will require public participation activities. The current environmental investigation is being conducted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). However, since we are implementing the CERCLA process to comply with the Installation Restoration Program (IR Program) at the Naval Complex, we suggest following the guidance for removal actions described in the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Community Relations in Superfund: A Handbook. Additionally, we request that the Navy also comply with the guidance in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Public Participation Policy and Guidance Manual, specifically page 36 section 3.7 Interim Remedial Measures.

Based upon the guidance documents mentioned above and the recommendations of our management in Sacramento, DTSC has the following recommendations:

FACT SHEET

Distribute a fact sheet to the project mailing list describing the proposed removal action at Site 6A. Due to the complexity of the activities involved in Site 6A, and DTSC policy we believe a fact sheet is necessary. For components of the fact sheet, please see enclosed fact sheet outline.

APPOINT AN AGENCY SPOKESPERSON

The NCP requires that an agency spokesperson be designated to inform the public about the removal action. Also, we need to consider methods of informing commuters, who drive by the site on a daily basis of the removal action. We suggest checking with the agency responsible for the toll booths on the Vincent Thomas Bridge to see if it would be possible to distribute flyers to commuters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice the availability of the Administrative Record as required by the NCP.



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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Provide a 30 day public comment period (if possible) as indicated in the NCP.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prepare a Response to Public Comments if the removal is done as a non-time critical removal action.

COMMUNITY MEETING

If there is sufficient interest, a community meeting should be held.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The TRC should be notified of the proposed removal and provided the opportunity to review and comment on draft documents. The Community Relations Plan states "the TRC has been formed to review and discuss current and projected investigation activities at the site." To accomplish this, a TRC meeting must be held during the planning stages of the anticipated work on Site 6A. Moreover, if word of this project is publicized in the newspapers before the TRC has had the opportunity to review and comment on draft documents, it will appear that the Navy is attempting to circumvent established procedure.

There is ample time to plan a proactive public participation program for Site 6A if we begin immediately. We request a meeting be scheduled within the next two to three weeks to discuss implementing our recommendations. Attendees would be Navy and DTSC personnel only. Outside agencies will be informed of public participation requirements when a strategy has been agreed upon by our mutual agencies.

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the public participation activities the Navy has undertaken at the Naval Complex to date. The community interviews, and the Remedial Investigation kick-off meeting and fact sheet, all required hard work on behalf of the Navy. Additionally, the Navy has accommodated members of the public who have requested access to the TRC by inviting them to meetings. We appreciate these efforts and look forward to working in close coordination with the Navy in the future at this site.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss our recommendations, please contact me at (310) 590-4949 or you may contact Ms. Joyce Whiten, Supervisor, Base Closure Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-2066.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Fact Sheet Outline

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Proposed Fact Sheet Outline

Introduction

Who, What, Where, When and Why the removal actions is necessary.

Proposed Removal Action

This section of the fact sheet should address the following:

What is being removed: volume and constituents.
How will it be removed and where will the contaminated soil be taken. State who is conducting the removal under DTSC oversight.
How much it will cost and what funds will pay for the removal.

Health and Safety During Removal Action

A brief paragraph stating that workers have been trained in health and safety:

A health and safety plan has been developed and will be followed to ensure that the health and safety of onsite workers and the surrounding community is protected during the removal action. All workers involved in the removal will wear the appropriate level of protective clothing. In addition, work at the site will be closely monitored by DTSC.

Future Activities

What happens next on this site?

Location and Site Map

Indicate the location of site 6A on the Naval Complex.

Community Involvement

This section should discuss opportunities for public involvement during the removal:

The Navy and DTSC encourage the public to share their comments and concerns at any time during this removal action (see information box for contacts). If there is community interest, the Navy will conduct additional public participation activities, which may include a community meeting and additional fact sheets designed to answer questions about the site and the cleanup process. If you did not receive this fact sheet in the mail and

would like to be on the project mailing list, please complete the enclosed mailing coupon and return it to the Long Beach Naval Complex.

Site Description

Describe site 6A.

Mailing Coupon

Please see attached samples of mailing coupons.

ATTACHMENT
MAILING COUPONS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR CORRECTIVE
ACTION ACTIVITIES AT SITE 6A

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