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APR 28 1992

Ms. Allison Drew  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Region IV  
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Dear Ms. Drew:

The Navy is in receipt of your April 8, 1992, (received April 11, 1992) letter requesting further explanation of the reasons for lack of funding and operating resources in which the Navy has requested extensions to the "Start Dates" for field work at Batches 1, 3, and 4.

The Navy does not believe it is necessary to explain all of our funding process to EPA, nor why we did not receive the adequate funds from Washington to proceed with the scheduled projects. We did make a timely request for these funds, but we do not have the funds to start the entire batches or any portion of these batches and that we are experiencing a shortfall of funds for fiscal year 1992. Per Section XXV. FORCE MAJEURE of the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), we have "insufficient availability of appropriated funds", in which we made a timely request for such funds as part of our budgetary process as set forth in Section XXXIV (Funding) of the FFA.

We are requesting a 90 day extension to the start dates for field work of Batches 1 and 4, and we have requested a 60 day extension to the start date field work of Batch 3 as shown on the March 30, 1992 SMP submittal.

Regarding EPA's third paragraph, we have provided EPA with the Final copy replacement pages for Operable Unit 10: Group O: RI/FS Workplan document on March 30, 1992 which satisfactorily incorporated the requested changes. We want to bring to EPA's attention that this document was not late, therefore, there is no cause for dispute.

If you should have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Ms. Suzanne O. Sanborn at (803) 743-0574.

Sincerely,

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