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Commander
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Attn: Dean Gould, BEC, MCAS El Toro
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Re: Department of Navy (DON) Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Extension Request,
Operable Unit (OU) 3, Site 1, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro

Dear Mr. Gould:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 4, 2000, requesting a 21-month extension for Site 1 draft Remedial Investigation (RI) submittals. Your letter also contained a revised FFA schedule for other Site 1 submittals.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your request along with the proposed revised schedule. EPA does not concur with your requested extension and the revised schedule. EPA believes that the extension request is too long and that the preparation of an RI Work Plan and the actual commencement of fieldwork should not be held up pending completion of negotiations with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

EPA does not understand why work plan preparation (and subsequently the fieldwork) cannot proceed now and continue during the negotiations. We also do not understand how the schedule will be impacted by the negotiations, since the work must be done anyway even if there is ultimately no agreement. EPA believes that an environmental baseline survey and a radiological assessment/survey could also be conducted as part of the RI fieldwork, therefore, more actions could happen simultaneously.

I recommend that a conference call be held this week among the Base Closure Team (BCT) members, to discuss your extension request. Please contact me so that we can schedule a BCT conference call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Kistner".

Glenn Kistner
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