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Mr. James Reilly  
Director of Water Quality  
Orange County Water District  
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Fountain Valley, CA

**Subject: Comments on El Toro Groundwater Cleanup Project**

Dear Mr. Reilly:

The Irvine Ranch Water District has reviewed the May 2, 1989, Notice of Preparation, Initial Study, and Negative Declaration prepared by the Orange County Water District for the El Toro Groundwater Cleanup Project. We understand that the appeal period was verbally extended to May 30 to correspond with rescheduling the May 17, 1989 Orange County Board of Director's meeting to May 31, 1989.

The Irvine Ranch Water District is in concurrence with the approach of constructing a new groundwater pumping facility near the intersection of Jeffrey Road and Irvine Center Drive to slow the movement of the TCE plume that now extends as far west as North Lake. The Irvine Ranch Water District is willing to operate this well and introduce water from the contaminated aquifer into the reclaimed water distribution system as allowed by the appropriate permitting agencies and existing agreements. This water will be used for landscape and agricultural irrigation.

TITLE: COMMENTS ON ET GROUNDWATER  
CLEANUP PROJECT

AUTHOR: JAMES REILLY/OCWD

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The following comments address specific numbered items in the check list.

Item 3(e) - In past meetings related to well construction it was stated that the Orange County Water District would require the contractor to contain all water produced from the well in Baker tanks until chemical analyses indicate that the water is clean and able to be discharged to the storm channel. Is it the intent of the Orange County Water District to follow this procedure?

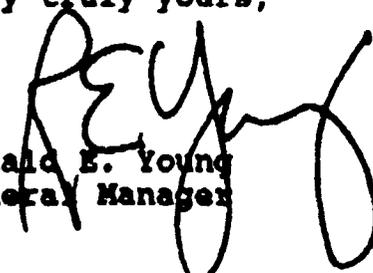
Item 6(a) - What noise levels will be associated with operation of the completed pumping facility both with and without the use of water treatment equipment?

Item 17(b) - What is the magnitude of the health hazard associated with this project as determined by the MED-TOX study?

As the local water purveyor, the Irvine Ranch Water District is concerned with the general public's perception of this groundwater cleanup activity. It is therefore requested that the Orange County Water District consider the alternative of providing well head treatment as a means of reducing the health risk associated with the project.

The Irvine Ranch Water District recognizes the need to start pumping this new well as soon as possible and supports the efforts of the Orange County Water District to make this project operational within the next two months.

Very truly yours,

  
Ronald E. Young  
General Manager

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