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Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor
Attn Ms. Marge Nelson
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Dear Mr. Kobetich:

This letter is in reference to our Installation Restoration Program (IRP) response activities at two landfill sites at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

We have completed the installation of the security fences that we had discussed previously. The installation went in smoothly with out any extensive ground disturbance or vegetation manipulation. We appreciate your cooperation in the completion of this project.

Please find enclosed site maps for IRP Site 2 and IRP Site 17 that depict areas of trash and debris recently detected. We will be visiting these site within the next few weeks to make a determination whether removal will be necessary. It is estimated, however, that approximately 50% will require removal and minor cleanup. As agreed to, we will maintain records of vegetation removed and will attempt minimize damage to existing vegetation during the removal process. We will also follow best management practices for reducing soil erosion where applicable.

For those sites requiring debris removal, it will occur prior to March 1, 1997. However, if there are areas that require an extended time for removal and/or clean-up, the vegetation surrounding the project area will be documented and cleared prior to the March 1 date.

Enclosed for your records are proposed areas for future improvements. These boundaries are not firm but are provided as information. We are in the process of obtaining vegetation maps of the area and will provide you with this information when it becomes available.

In our letter of July 31, 1996, we listed the following projects that needed to be accomplished that were separate from the final remedy:

- a. removal of surface and limited subsurface landfill debris;
- b. limited grading of stream banks with placement of rip-rap along severely eroded sections to reduce erosion of landfill material;

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c. placement of debris which is collected from the stream channels at a central location at each landfill site;

d. widening of gravel access roads;

e. construction of staging areas and field office facilities along Magazine Road.

Of these, items a,b,c, and e are left. Item d was accomplished without the loss of sensitive habitats because the existing roads were determined wide enough for our needs.

The Department of Navy is committed to continue to work with your office in complying with the ESA and would like to thank you for your willingness to develop a positive work relationship that will continue to allow us to conduct the interim actions and that will identify mitigation goals to be addressed in the final remedy for IRP Sites 17 and 2.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tommy Wright, Natural Resources Specialist at (619) 532-3757.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commander

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