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Dear Mr. Joyce:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA)
SCHEDULE, OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1 AND OU-2A GROUNDWATER, MARINE CORPS
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The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your letter dated June 29, 1999, requesting a 7-month extension for the submittal of a draft Proposed Plan (PP) for OU 1 and OU-2A (Sites 18 and 24) Groundwater Remediation and a 14-month extension for the submittal of a draft Record of Decision (ROD). The current due dates for the draft final PP and draft ROD are July 1, 1999 and September 2, 1999, respectively. A revised FFA Appendix A schedule dated June 24, 1999 accompanied your letter as Enclosure #1. According to the letter, the extension is needed because Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) is considering significant changes in the design and purposes of the Irvine Desalter Project (IDP). The additional time is needed for the water districts to perform more groundwater modeling; identify new ARARs; resolve potential conflicts of interest; complete new alternative cost estimates, prepare a Feasibility Study Addendum; and resume discussions with the water districts on Settlement issues.

DTSC believes that settlement negotiations with the water districts should commence well before November 5, 1999 to expedite the project. While a good cause may exist for submittal of the draft PP, the requested 14-month extension for submittal of the draft ROD to the regulatory agencies must be shortened. Therefore, DTSC does not approve both extension requests.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5418.

Sincerely,

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