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REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULE, OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1 AND OU-2A GROUNDWATER, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

On July 8, 1999, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) denied the Department of Navy (DON) FFA extension dated June 29, 1999. The request was for an extension of seven months for the submittal of a draft Proposed Plan (PP) for OU 1 and OU-2A (Sites 18 and 24) Groundwater Remediation and 14 months for the submittal of a draft Record of Decision (ROD). Subsequently, on July 13, 1999, DTSC and DON participated in a conference call to resolve the June 29, 1999 FFA extension request issues. The DON informed DTSC that the extension is necessary because the Irvine Ranch Water District is considering significant changes in the design and purpose of the Irvine Desalter Project. DTSC and DON discussed opportunities to expedite tasks, review times, and submittal of documents in order to reduce the 7-month extension for the submittal of the draft PP and the 14-month extension for the submittal of a draft ROD.

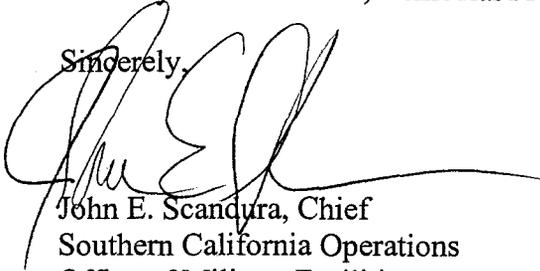
In a letter dated July 13, 1999, DTSC clarified its position regarding the need to expedite the submittal and review time of documents leading to the submittal of the draft ROD. DTSC suggested ways to reduce the draft PP and ROD submittal extensions as discussed in the conference call that day. DTSC set the submittal of the draft PP as December 31, 1999, and the draft ROD as August 28, 2000. According to Section 9.6 of the FFA, within seven days of receipt of a statement of nonconcurrency with the requested extension, the requesting party may invoke dispute resolution. To date, DON has not responded to DTSC's letter of July 13, 1999, nor has it invoked dispute. Therefore, the deadlines set by DTSC in its letter of July 13, 1999 for submittal of the draft PP and ROD prevails.



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