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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
Attn: Mr. Glenn R. Kistner
Remedial Project Manager
Hazardous Waste Management Division, (SFD 8-2)
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RE: Federal Facility Agreement Schedule, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro

Dear Mr. Kistner:

The purpose of this letter is to document and clarify some of the points in my June 29th, 1999 Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) schedule extension request. On July 6th a conference call was held between US EPA and E Toro, to facilitate securing an approval of the extension request submitted on June 29th. The letter requested submitting Operable Unit (OU) -1 (Site 18) and OU-2 (Site 24) draft Proposed Plan (PP) on January 28, 2000, and draft Record of Decision (ROD) on October 27, 2000. The following information will address your concerns to support continued progress towards signing a ROD for groundwater remediation at El Toro.

The Department of the Navy remains committed to discussing with OCWD and IRWD settlement issues regarding their new proposal. Within the next two weeks we will contact your office to schedule a conference call to update EPA.

Once the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Orange County Water District (OCWD) complete groundwater modeling and the FFA signatories have an opportunity to evaluate the results, we can resume additional detailed discussions on any impacts to the settlement agreement. Again, we have developed the current PP as much as possible, until the actions documented in my June 29th letter are completed.

The January 28, 2000, submittal date is only for the draft Proposed Plan. The Regulators will begin a 60 day review period, to evaluate and comment on the document. Next, we begin the process of resolving comments to get to a Draft Final that will require meetings and discussion with the goal of reaching agreement to support issuing the Final PP. The formal public comment period will not start until all agencies agree on the Final Proposed Plan utilizing the FFA document review process.

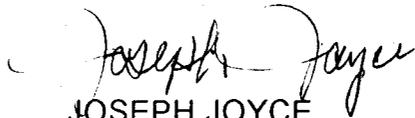
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The draft ROD submittal is planned one month after the close of formal public comment period. As you will recall, we submitted the draft Proposed Plan for the groundwater on November 24, 1998. At that time, the draft ROD submittal was scheduled for September 2, 1999, nine months later. Our proposed revised schedule also incorporates the same FFA process logic with the draft ROD scheduled for October 27, 2000. Our FFA extension request meets Good Cause requirements outlined in section 9.4 of the FFA.

Thank you in advance for your support for this schedule extension request. Again, we will continue to keep you posted on our progress to resolve this complex situation with IRWD and OCWD. Please call me at (619) 532-4157 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



JOSEPH JOYCE
Base Realignment and Closure
Environmental Coordinator
By direction of the Commander

Enclosure: 1. Appendix A FFA Schedule of Submittals

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**ENCLOSURE (1)
APPENDIX A FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT
SCHEDULE OF SUBMITTALS**

**CLARIFICATION OF POINTS MADE IN REQUEST
FOR CHANGES TO FEDERAL FACILITIES
AGREEMENT SCHEDULE FOR PRIMARY
DOCUMENTS OF 29 JUNE 1999**

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