



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
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August 1, 2000

Base Realignment and Closure  
Attn: Mr. Dean Gould  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
MCAS El Toro  
P.O. Box 51718  
Irvine, CA 92619-1718

Re: Navy Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Extension Request for Operable Unit (OU) 1,  
Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 18 and OU2A, IRP Site 24, Former Marine Corps  
Air Station El Toro, CA

Dear Mr. Gould:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has received the above referenced extension request dated July 21, 2000. This request was made pursuant to Section 9.2g of the El Toro FFA.

Your letter requests a three (3) week extension to submit a "Preliminary" Draft Final Proposed Plan and a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) to the regulatory agencies. The new deliverable date for the Preliminary Draft Final Proposed Plan would be August 11, 2000. The additional time is needed to address Settlement Agreement issues with the Orange County and Irvine Ranch Water Districts (the Water Districts).

Your letter also states that the negotiating parties have set September 1, 2000 as a target date for concluding the negotiations. USEPA is encouraged by the fact that this time the negotiating parties have actually set a date for concluding the negotiations.

Your extension request is hereby granted. USEPA encourages the parties to move quickly to resolve the remaining issues so that the September 1 deadline can be met and that we be kept informed of any issues that could delay a settlement. We remain concerned that each delay means another delay in implementing a comprehensive groundwater remedy at El Toro.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to further discuss any issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Kistner".

Glenn Kistner  
Remedial Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

received  
15 Aug 00

cc: Mr. John Broderick, RWQCB  
Ms. Triss Chesney, DTSC  
Mr. Gregory Hurley, RAB Co-Chair  
Ms. Polin Modanlou, LRA