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Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin
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RE: Federal Facility Agreement Schedule OU-2-C, Landfill Sites 3 and 5, Former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated August 19, 2003

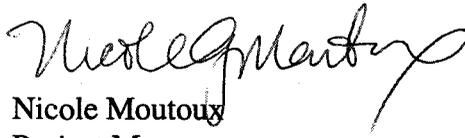
Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has reviewed your request for an extension of the deliverable date by 19 months for the draft Record of Decision (ROD) for Landfill Sites 3 and 5. As discussed at the team conference call on August 26, 2003, the primary reason for the requested extension is due to the delay in completion of the Radiological Survey and Draft Radiological Release Report. We understand that there have been numerous discussions between Navy Radiological Affairs Support Office, Department of Health Services and the BCT regarding the survey as well as appropriate release criteria for radiological contamination. We also recognize that the survey plan was initiated prior to the release of the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual. As such, the Navy is now in the position that additional samples must be collected.

In addition to the radiological concerns, the BCT began discussions regarding consolidation of waste from landfills 3 and 5 into other on-base landfills. Due to other priorities, these discussions have not progressed further. As we stated at the BCT conference call on August 26, 2003, EPA would like to address the remaining issues outside the radiological concerns during the proposed 19 month extension, so as to avoid further delays.

Therefore, EPA concurs with the requested extension to submit the draft ROD for Sites 3 and 5 on March 11, 2005. If you have any questions, please call me at (415)972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Moutoux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Nicole Moutoux
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