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**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE DRAFT FINAL REMEDIAL
INVESTIGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT (RIFS), OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1,
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO**

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received a request from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board dated August 29, 1996. The letter requests a 30-day extension to the review period for the subject document until October 11, 1996.

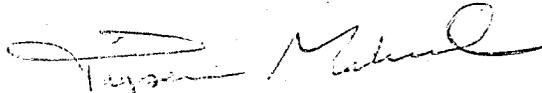
Pursuant to Section 9.1 of the MCAS El Toro Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), DTSC is providing notice that we are requesting extension to the comment period on the draft final OU-1 RIFS until October 11, 1996. The extension was discussed and agreed to by the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) during a conference call on September 4, 1996. Additionally, the BCT agrees the extension is necessary for technical reasons and is considered appropriate under terms and conditions identified in Section 9.1 of the FFA to support the Environmental Cleanup program at MCAS El Toro. The "good cause" for the extension is as follows:

The groundwater is currently divided into OU-1 [offsite volatile organic compounds (VOCs)] and OU-2A (VOC source area onsite). Due to significant changes in the Draft Final Interim Action FS, the extension will allow the State to coordinate review of the voluminous OU-1 RIFS document with the Draft Phase II Feasibility Study Report for OU-2A, both dated August 9, 1996. This will result in fewer and more precise comments on the documents that have generated a high level of community interest.

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We look forward to working with you to facilitate cleanup efforts at MCAS El Toro. If you have any questions, please call me at (310) 590-4891.

Sincerely,



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