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RE: Draft Feasibility Study (FS) Addendum for Operable Unit 3A, IRP Site 8
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has completed its review of the subject document dated March 2005. This draft FS Addendum only covers analysis of alternatives for remediation of radium-226 contaminated soils at Units 1 and 4 of IRP Site 8 at the former MCAS El Toro. We have but a few comments to offer on this document.

If you should have any questions regarding the attached comments, please feel free to call me at 415-972-3349.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Muza".

Rich Muza
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**Comments on the Draft Feasibility Study (FS) Addendum for Operable Unit 3A, IRP Site 8
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California**

1. Section 5.2.2.7 & Table 5-2 – “The estimated net present worth of Alternative 2 is \$635,322.” This value does not directly compare with the “total present value” for Alternative 2 provided in the referenced table of cost estimates. It is recommended that this discrepancy be clarified.

2. Table 5-3 – What is the cost estimate of \$500,100 for “off-site transportation and waste disposal” based on? There are no potential disposal locations and/or transport distances identified in the FS. What assumptions were used to determine this estimated transportation/disposal costs value? It is recommended that this information be provided either within the text of Section 5.2.3 or as a footnote to Table 5-3.

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