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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY
AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULES, OPERABLE UNITS (OU) 1, 2A, 2B,
2C, AND 3, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EI TORO**

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your letter dated June 13, 1997, requesting extensions of the deadlines set forth in Appendix A of the FFA for MCAS El Toro. A revised FFA Appendix A schedule dated June 1997 accompanied your letter as Enclosure #1. Your letter outlined justification for the requested schedule extensions. DTSC's response to each request is as follows:

1. OU-1, Site 18 and OU-2A, Site 24 (Groundwater)

The letter requested an open-ended extension for submittal of draft Proposed Plans (PPs) and draft Record of Decisions (RODs) pending negotiations between Department of Navy (DON) and Orange County Water District (OCWD). DTSC does not find that a good cause exists for an open-ended extension of the FFA schedules pursuant to Section 9.2(g) of the FFA. It is DTSC's understanding that OCWD is anticipating submitting a response to DON by July 1, 1997. Based on this date, DTSC grants a ninety-day extension. The new due dates for the draft PPs and the draft RODs are October 1, 1997 and March 23, 1998, respectively. DON may request additional time if an agreement cannot be reached within the ninety days.

2. OU-2A, Site 24 (Vadose Zone)

A two-week extension for submittal of the draft ROD to the regulatory agencies was requested. Although no justification was provided for the requested extension, DTSC approves the extension because it is a minor change to the schedule.

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3. OU-2B, Sites 2 & 17 Landfills

The letter requested an open-ended extension for submittal of draft PPs and draft RODs. According to the letter, the extensions are needed because the agencies made significant comments on the institutional controls in the Feasibility Study (FS) and coordination with DON Headquarters is necessary. DTSC does not agree that a good cause exists for an open-ended extension of the FFA schedules pursuant to Section 9.2(g) of the FFA. The agencies sent DON comments on the FS in April 1997 and provided DON with draft institutional controls language in May 1997. Since the draft PPs are not due until August 8, 1997, DTSC does not accept open-ended extension requests. However, DTSC grants a thirty-day extension for the due dates, which is now September 8, 1997. The current completion due date of July 21, 1997 for the draft ROD that appears in Appendix A is a typographical error. It should have been March 19, 1998. With the approved extension, the new due date will be April 20, 1998.

4. OU-2C, Sites 3 & 5 Landfills

An open-ended extension for submittal of draft PPs and draft RODs was requested with the same justifications as mentioned above for Sites 2 and 17. Please see our response above. The approved new due dates for the draft PPs and the draft RODs are September 8, 1997 and March 18, 1998, respectively.

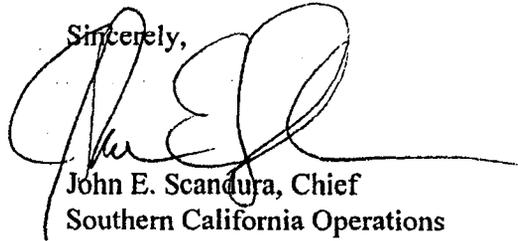
5. OU-3, Sites 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21 & 22 and OU-2A (Site 25)

Although your letter does not provide justification for the one month extension for the submittal of a draft ROD, we understand that the comment period for the PP was extended due to a request from a member of the public. Thus, the extension is warranted and we hereby approve it.

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We look forward to working with you to facilitate cleanup efforts at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud at (562) 590-4891.

Sincerely,



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