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RE: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix A Schedule and Extension Request for  
Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 1, 2, 17, 18, and 24  
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has received the Department of the Navy's (DoN) updated MCAS El Toro FFA Appendix A Schedule for primary submittal documents and request for extensions for IRP sites 1, 2, 17, 18, and 24. We also appreciate receiving the detailed IRP sites schedules for our records to track advancement of IRP site work.

EPA has been involved in the discussions focusing on the myriad of issues that are delineated for each of the IRP sites in regard to the extension requests. Therefore, EPA concurs with the requests for extension for the subject IRP sites as per the revised Appendix A provided by the DoN with the correction noted by the Department of Toxic Substances Control in their 12 January 2005 memorandum taken into account. We anticipate that the extensions involving the need to acquire additional information for the selection and/or implementation of remedial actions at the IRP sites at the former MCAS El Toro will allow for the development of paths forward for these sites that are acceptable to all parties involved.

In addition, EPA would like to call for discussions with the BRAC Closure Team (BCT) in the near term in regard to the future schedule of CERCLA activities at Anomaly Area 3. In the submittal only a Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) delivery date is provided. We understand the desire of the DoN to acquire additional ground-water quality monitoring data in support of the RI and know that this field activity will be occurring in the near future. However, we are concerned over delays in developing target dates for further FFA deliverables for the selection and implementation of remedial actions at this site. We recommend that the DoN consider

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developing schedules based on the various outcomes of the additional data collection efforts as a first step for discussions with the BCT on a path forward for this site.

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

Sincerely,



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