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Mr. Thomas Macchiarella
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Dear Mr. Macchiarella:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has completed our review of the *Draft Public Notice "Record of Decision for Sites 3, 4, 5, and 6A is Available for Public Inspection"*, *Draft Fact Sheet # 3* and the *Draft Public Notice "Public Comment Period Proposed Cleanup Plan for Sites 1,2 and 14 Former Naval Station Long Beach"*, for *Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, California*.

These documents were prepared to update and inform the public on the Installation Restoration Program activities at Long Beach Naval Complex. Minor changes need to be made to these documents to be acceptable to DTSC. DTSC comments are enclosed from our Public Participation Unit on these documents. DTSC is satisfied with the community outreach efforts that the Navy has made for Long Beach Naval Complex.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5417.

Sincerely,

Alvaro Gutierrez
Base Closure Unit
Office of Military

Enclosure

cc: See next page

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alvaro Gutierrez

FROM: Jennifer Rich *JR*

DATE: December 18, 1998

SUBJECT: **DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE "PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR SITES 1, 2 AND 14 FORMER
NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH", LONG BEACH NAVAL
COMPLEX, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

I have completed my review of the draft public notice announcing the public comment period for the proposed cleanup plans for Sites 1, 2 and 14 at former Naval Station Long Beach. My comments are as follows:

General Comment

Please be sure to make all of the appropriate changes to the dates listed in the public notice.

Title

Please make "Plan" plural since there are two.

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Paragraph 1, line 2: Please change "Proposed Plan" to "Proposed Plan/Draft Remedial Action Plan (Draft RAP)". Please make the appropriate changes throughout the public notice.

Paragraph 1, line 3: Please insert "the" between "for" and "non-time".

Paragraph 2, line 2: Please change to read, "for remedial action, identifies the preferred cleanup solution with the rationale for its selection, and seeks public input prior to".

Bullet 1: Please include a brief description of the contamination at Sites 1 and 2.

Paragraph 3, line 2: Please change to read, "action, identifies the preferred solution with the rationale for its selection, and seeks public input prior to making a final decision."

Bullet 2: Please include a brief description of the contamination at Site 14.

Please insert the following paragraph after the second bullet:

"The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public review and comment on a proposed Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed remedial action at Sites 1 and 2 and the proposed removal action at Site 14. The proposed Negative Declaration indicates that the remedial and removal actions will not have a significant negative effect on the environment as defined in the Public Resources Code, section 21068."

Please center and italicize the public meeting information.

Paragraph 5: Please add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:
"The administrative record file is located at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 129, San Diego, California (please telephone Christine Potter, at (619) 532-1144 to arrange for an appointment.)"

Paragraph 6, line 1: Please change to read, "Local residents and other interested parties are encouraged to review the Proposed Plan/Draft RAP, EE/CA and related".

I will fax a copy of this memo to Mr. Thomas Macchiarella and Ms. Michelle Gallice today. Please forward this memo to the Navy, with a cover letter attached, for inclusion into the administrative record file.

Thank you.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alvaro Gutierrez

FROM: Jennifer Rich *JR*

DATE: December 18, 1998

SUBJECT: **DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE, "PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR SITES 1, 2 AND 14 FORMER NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH", LONG BEACH NAVAL COMPLEX, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

I'm writing this memo as a follow-up to my last one regarding the draft public notice announcing the public comment period for the proposed cleanup plans for Sites 1, 2 and 14 at former Naval Station Long Beach. I have several additional comments that need to be included in the public notice. They are as follows:

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Paragraph 5, lines 4 and 5: Please change to read, "sites containing hazardous waste. The administrative record file includes Sites 1 & 2 Proposed Plan/Draft RAP, Site 14 EE/CA and the proposed CEQA Negative Declaration. Documents that provide more detail on the Proposed Plan/Draft RAP and".

Paragraph 6, line 1: Please change to read, "Local residents and other interested parties are encouraged to review the Proposed Plan/Draft RAP, EE/CA, proposed CEQA Negative Declaration and related".

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Please insert the following new paragraph after line 1:

"The proposed CEQA Negative Declaration is also available for review at DTSC, located at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California. Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment."

Please change line 2 to read, "Written comments on the Proposed Plan/Draft RAP and EE/CA should be postmarked no later than January 29, 1999, and sent to:".

Please insert the following new paragraphs prior to the last paragraph on page 2:

Written comments on the proposed CEQA Negative Declaration should be postmarked no later than January 29, 1999, and sent to:

Mr. Alvaro Gutierrez
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, California 90630
(714) 484-5417

Questions regarding the proposed CEQA Negative Declaration should be directed to Mr. Alvaro Gutierrez, Project Manager, at the above address and telephone number.

I will fax a copy of this memo to Mr. Thomas Macchiarella and Ms. Michelle Gallice today. Please forward this memo to the Navy, with a cover letter attached, for inclusion into the administrative record file.

Thank you.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alvaro Gutierrez

FROM: Jennifer Rich 

DATE: December 15, 1998

SUBJECT: **DRAFT FACT SHEET #3, LONG BEACH NAVAL COMPLEX (LBNC), LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

I have completed my review of draft fact sheet #3 for LBNC. My comments are as follows:

Page 1, "What's Inside This Issue..."

Paragraph 3: Please add the following sentence to the beginning of the paragraph, "The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the cleanup at IR Site 7." Please change the first line of the paragraph to read, "The agencies working in conjunction with the Navy at IR Site".

Page 1, "Harbor Sediments"

Paragraph 3: Please include a date for "the designation of IR Site 7".

Paragraph 4: Please change the first sentence to read, "From the early 1940s to the mid-1970s, drainage from various industrial areas with the LBNC and from cleaning and process tanks was discharged into IR Site 7."

Page 2, "The Remedial Investigation"

Paragraph 2: Please explain if it is the surface sediment, subsurface sediment, or both that makes the 390 acres an Area of Ecological Concern (AOEC). Please include an explanation as to what the next step in the process is for the AOECs. In the last line please insert "adverse" between "cause" and "biological".

Paragraph 3: Are all of the areas discussed in this paragraph part or all of the 390 acres considered an Area of Ecological Concern? It is unclear. Are all of these areas going to undergo further action? Are "open areas" and "central areas" one in the same? Please clarify.

Paragraph 4: In the second sentence there is a discussion about surface sediment, but what about subsurface sediment? Please provide an explanation. In the last sentence, I don't think the general public will understand what "basin and reference stations" are without some type of explanation.

Page 2, "Ecological Risk Assessment"

Please state the purpose for conducting the ecological risk assessment. Was the ecological risk assessment conducted for all of Site 7, or just beneath the piers? Please explain. The reason I ask is that in the second paragraph, the discussion centers around "beneath piers" only. If the

ecological risk assessment was conducted for all of Site 7, then the results/conclusions should cover more than just "beneath piers". In the second paragraph, first sentence, why is there no discussion about subsurface sediment? With regard to the last sentence, the community will probably want to know what will happen to the pelagic and benthic communities in the Long Beach Harbor West Basin if dredging occurs and the sediments beneath the piers are disturbed. Please address this potential concern in the fact sheet.

Page 3, "The Feasibility Study"

Paragraph 3: This paragraph includes future and past tenses. It talks about a "sampling and analysis component" in the future and "sampling field work" in the past. This is very confusing, please clarify.

Paragraph 4: This paragraph seems to be out of place. It also has the same problem with future and past tenses being mixed. Please clarify. Also, I don't think the general public will understand what "AOEC stations" and "sampling stations" are without some type of explanation.

Page 3, "What's Next at IR Site 7?"

Paragraph 2: It is my understanding that the Navy responds to **all** comments not just **significant** comments. If this is the case, please delete "significant" from the last sentence.

Paragraph 3: In the first sentence, please change "solution" to "alternative". In the second sentence, please change "local newspaper" to "*Long Beach Press Telegram*", if appropriate. In the third sentence, please delete "solution".

Paragraph 4: Please spell out "POLB" if this is the first time it is used in the fact sheet. Please expand this paragraph to include who will be responsible for the oversight (i.e., Department of Toxic Substances Control) and who will be responsible for paying for the remediation. If the POLB is responsible for payment then please also explain who would be responsible for payment if the POLB was to default. It's important to include this information in the fact sheet because the community has asked these questions in the past.

Page 4, "Cleanup Partners"

Sentence 2: Please change "in California" to "at LBNC".

This concludes my comments. I would like to review the next draft of this fact sheet prior to it being released to the public. I will be faxing a copy of this memo to Mr. Duane Rollefson and Ms. Michelle Gallice. Please forward this memo to the Navy with a cover letter attached for inclusion into the administrative record. If you have any questions, please call me at extension 5415.

Thank you.