



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Mr. Alan K. Lee  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
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Southwest Division  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
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Dear Mr. Lee:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) has received and reviewed the Record of Decision for Installation Restoration Sites 3, 4, 5, and 6A for the Naval Station Long Beach, Long Beach, California, dated November 17, 1998. The Record of Decision (ROD) addresses groundwater contamination and related soil contamination. Investigations at Sites 4, 5, and 6A showed soil contamination in concentrations acceptable for industrial reuse, but not acceptable for unrestricted reuse. At Site 3, a removal action was conducted in 1996 and resulted in cleanup of soil to industrial cleanup levels. Groundwater contamination was also detected at Sites 3 and 6A. This contamination was investigated to determine if there are current or potential future environmental impacts to surrounding surface waters and to determine if it poses an unacceptable risk to industrial workers. Groundwater was determined not to be a potential drinking water source. These investigations determined that groundwater contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. However, the ROD requires groundwater monitoring conducted for at least one year to ensure no unacceptable impacts to surface waters occur in the future.

Based upon an industrial reuse plan established for this site in the Local Reuse Authority's approved reuse plan, a remedy of institutional controls was selected for all four sites. The institutional controls will restrict the property to commercial or industrial uses and will prohibit residential and child occupancy uses.

Because the Long Beach Naval Station is not on the National Priorities List, the USEPA does not have a formal concurrence role and will not be signing the ROD. However, the USEPA has been an active participant in the investigation, testing and analysis of the various aspects of the remedial work at these sites. The Department of the Navy (DON) has worked in cooperation with the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Los Angeles

Regional Water Quality Control Board as well as the USEPA in the development of the remedial alternatives and the selection of a final remedy for these sites. Based on our review of the investigations at these sites and the remedial alternatives evaluated, USEPA supports the Navy's selected alternatives for these sites.

We wish to thank the Navy for the opportunity to be involved in the work at the Long Beach Naval Complex. We look forward to working with the Navy and regulatory agencies in the future to insure a thorough and safe transfer of all DON property comprising the Long Beach Naval Complex. If you have any questions, please call Martin Hausladen of my staff at (415) 744-2388.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel D. Opalski".

Daniel D. Opalski  
Chief, Federal Facilities Cleanup Branch

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