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Dear Mr. Lee:

DELAY IN REVIEW OF PREFINAL RECORD OF DECISION FOR IR SITES 3,4,5, AND 6A, LONG BEACH NAVAL STATION AND LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

This is to advise you that the review of the Prefinal Record of Decision (ROD) for Installation Restoration Sites 3,4,5, and 6A by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has been delayed. This has occurred in part because of the need for DTSC to evaluate it's current and future anticipated state oversight workload at Long Beach Naval Station (LBNS) and the Long Beach Naval Shipyard (LBNSY). This evaluation was prompted by the Department of Defense's decision to significantly cut California's oversight funding under the Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement (DSMOA) Grant for these two closed military bases. We anticipate providing comments on this document by no later than January 15, 1999.

Please be advised that the retroactive decreases in the DSMOA Grant by the Department of Defense include reductions of the State's requested oversight budget by as much as 40% at LBNS and 20% at LBNSY. This will result in future delays or the inability to review environmental documents, participate in BRAC Cleanup Team and public meetings, oversee field activities, evaluate property transfer requests, and conduct other work necessary to the State's oversight role. As the remediation of LBNSY and LBNS are from separate cleanup accounts, DTSC has been informed by the Department of the Navy that it cannot shift oversight resources between these two bases to cover shortfalls. Hence, funding for State oversight and review of documents may have been fully expended by mid-year at LBNS and by the Spring of 1999 at LBNSY.

Until now, despite the lack of a Federal Facility-State Remediation Agreement (FFSRA) at LBNS and LBNSY, DTSC has endeavored to expedite reviews of environmental documents in an effort to accommodate both the Navy and the local authorities, who have major concerns regarding property transfer and reuse. However, we anticipate that these reductions in funding

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may well have an adverse effect on our ability to meet projected milestones and completion dates agreed to by the BRAC Cleanup Team.

While DTSC staff regrets the delay, we will endeavor to continue to provide qualitative reviews of environmental documents submitted during the remediation process at LBNS and LBNSY. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me or Alvaro Gutierrez at (714) 484-5433 or (714) 484-5417 respectively.

Sincerely,



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