



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND CONTRACTS, ELK HILLS
P.O. BOX 40
SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA 94066

Copy to Council ✓
Mr. Hostford
Mr. L. Hagle
Mr. J. Hagle
Mr. B. Brown

IN REPLY REFER TO:
H41:LGB:sar
Ser H40/180

City of Oxnard
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

PAW 10 JUN 1977

Attention: Mr. Paul E. Wolven, City Manager

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter dated June 1, 1977 with the enclosed City Council Resolution No. 7025 dated May 31, 1977, requesting an additional 30 days to complete review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Crude Oil Transport Alternatives from Elk Hills.

The three alternative routes for the pipeline are being proposed to fulfill the requirement set forth in the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-258). The Act states in part:

"Pipeline and associated facilities constructed at or procured for Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 pursuant to this subsection shall have adequate capacity to accommodate not less than three hundred fifty thousand barrels of oil per day and shall be fully operable as soon as possible, but not later than three years after the date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (April 5, 1976)."

In order to meet the legislated completion date, the Navy must complete the public review process, address the issues raised by the review, make necessary changes in the Statement, and publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement. These steps must be completed by September 1, 1977 in order to complete construction by April 5, 1979. Due to these time restrictions, it is not possible to extend the review period beyond the June 29, 1977 deadline.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was sent to the City of Oxnard on April 26, 1977. If we can be of assistance in the City's review, please contact Mr. Richard T. Russell of our staff at (415) 871-6600, extension 2507.

Sincerely,

John T. Dick-Peddie

JOHN T. DICK-PEDDIE
Captain, CEC, USN
Officer in Charge of Construction
NAVFACENGCOM Contracts, Elk Hills