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From the cockpit, however, pilots can see the ground unfolding. Several minutes into Wednesday's flight, over southwestern River-

The two bombers will be at John Wayne Airport through 1 p.m. Friday. They are open for tours for \$7, and rides are offered for tax-deductible donations of \$350.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION EL TORO

### INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM Proposed Plan For Cleanup at Three Shallow Soil Sites Operable Unit 3 Sites 8, 11, and 12

MCAS El Toro invites the public to comment on the Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Shallow Soil at Installation Restoration Program Sites 8, 11 and 12. The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT), which includes the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA), has completed in-depth remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) evaluations for each of the three sites. Sites 8, 11, and 12 were divided into units based on physical characteristics and activities performed in each portion of the site. Based on the risk to human health and the environment from the types and concentrations of chemicals discovered in the soil during the remedial investigation, the Marine Corps, is recommending remedial action at portions of Site 8 (Units 3 and 5), Site 11 (Units 1 and 2), and Site 12 (Unit 3 and the catch basin). No further action is recommended at Site 8 (Units 1, 2 and 4), Site 11 (Unit 3), and Site 12 (Units 1, 2 and 4) because the low concentrations of contaminants and risks to human health and the environment are within the range generally considered allowable by the U.S. EPA. A Proposed Plan has been prepared to provide the public with the results of the environmental investigations and the evaluations of possible cleanup alternatives for the three sites. The BCT's objective for these sites is to protect public health and the environment and meet all applicable or relevant and appropriate federal and state environmental laws and regulations.

The Marine Corps' preferred remedy for the units requiring remediation is excavation of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from Sites 8, 11 and 12. The soil may be recycled as a foundation layer within two inactive landfills at Sites 2 and 17 or the Marine Corps may choose to dispose of excavated contaminated soil at an appropriate off-station disposal facility. Recycling the soil is feasible because laboratory results from the remedial investigation indicated that the chemicals found in the contaminated soil at Sites 8, 11 and 12 are below levels that would classify the soil as a hazardous waste. After excavation, soil sampling would be performed to confirm that all the contaminated soil that could cause an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment has been removed. If any soil with hazardous levels of contamination is discovered during excavation, it would be properly manifested and transported off Station to a state-permitted hazardous waste disposal facility. Upon completion of the removal operations, the excavated areas would be backfilled using clean, compacted fill as appropriate. Restrictive covenants and monitoring would not be necessary because contamination would be removed from the sites.

### PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD May 8 through June 7, 1999

The RI/FS reports, the Proposed Plan, and principal supporting documentation, along with a draft index of the Administrative Record File holdings for the three sites, are available at the MCAS El Toro Information Repository located at:

**Heritage Park Regional Library**  
14361 Yale Avenue  
Irvine, California  
(949) 551-7151

(Please contact library for current hours)

Documents used in supporting this Proposed Plan are held in the Administrative Record File for Operable Unit 3 Sites 8, 11, and 12 and are available at MCAS El Toro. Contact: Mr. Joseph Joyce at (949) 726-3470 or (949) 726-2840 to arrange for an appointment to review these documents.

Please provide written comments postmarked no later than June 7, 1999 and submit to:  
Mr. Joseph Joyce

Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator  
Commanding Officer, AC/S, Environment (1AU),  
MCAS El Toro, P.O. Box 95001, Santa Ana, CA 92709-5001  
Comments may also be faxed to (949) 726-8586

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION MEETING Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Irvine City Hall, Conference & Training Center  
One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California  
from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to participate in MCAS El Toro's public meeting on the Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Three Shallow Soil Sites. The public will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the investigation results and cleanup evaluations. Marine Corps representatives responsible for the investigation, and presenting the results, will be available to answer questions.

To receive further information about this meeting, please contact Mr. Joyce, at:  
(949) 726-3470 or (949) 726-2840 or the following individuals:

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