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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region  
Attn: Mr. Ken Williams  
6809 Indiana Avenue, Suite 200  
Riverside, CA 92506

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is the Site Assessment Plan for Tank 398 Area. Where applicable, this plan incorporates your comments on the Tank 398 Preliminary Assessment expressed in your letter of August 22, 1990. The Site Assessment Report will provide a detailed response to your comments.

In response to your questions regarding the "hazardous waste accumulation area" located east of Tank 398, this site was actually used only for the short-term storage of hazardous materials (not regulated under RCRA). This site, which is no longer being used, was provided with secondary containment to prevent the possibility of soil contamination. However, this site will be examined under the RFA currently underway.

As you have recommended in your comments, we are implementing a free product removal system concurrently with the development and implementation of this site assessment plan. This removal system is scheduled to begin operating by the beginning of March. Additionally, the TCE groundwater sampling at this site is being conducted concurrently with the development and implementation of the site assessment plan. Samples have already been taken and results will be provided to your agency by the end of February.

Please review the enclosed plan and provide comments in writing to MCAS El Toro (Code 1JG) no later than March 4, 1991. If further information is needed, please contact LTJG Michael Rehor, Environmental Director, at (714) 726-2821.

Sincerely,

J. R. FAUNCE, CAPT, CEC, USN  
Director, Facilities Mgmt. Dept.  
By direction of Commanding General

Encl:

(1) Site Assessment Plan for Tank 398 Area

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**ENCLOSURE (1)**

**IS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**