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Dear Mr. Joyce:

COMMENTS ON TECHNICAL MEMORANDA FOR OIL WATER SEPARATORS (OWSs) 244, 388C, 392, 652, AND 676, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (USTs) 673B AND 380B, AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT (SWMU) 273, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EI TORO

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed eight (8) Technical Memoranda dated 1998 and received by us on February 19, 1999. These Technical Memoranda provide supporting documentation for the deletion of the eight (8) sites from the Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Plan (BCP) (1999 update) for MCAS El Toro. The information provided includes historical records and current environmental program management plans and reports, and site inspections reports in support of the determination that the sites do not exist or that they were incorrectly designated as Environmental Locations of Concern (LOCs).

DTSC comments are as follows:

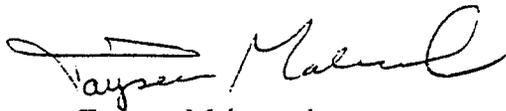
1. DTSC concurs with your determination that OWSs 244, 388C, 392, and 652 were incorrectly designated as LOCs. We also concur that UST 380B and SWMU 273 were incorrectly designated as LOCs. These LOCs can be deleted from the 1999 BCP.
2. DTSC will not be able to concur with your determination for OWS 676 until we have had a chance to inspect the area of this site. DTSC staff plans to conduct a visual inspection of the site on March 25, 1999. Please provide escorts to DTSC staff on March 25 to conduct inspection.

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3. DTSC does not concur with your determination that UST 673B is a "phantom" site, because we do not accept your statement that a visual site inspection would reveal the presence of an underground storage tank. Please provide additional information to support your claim, or conduct a geophysical survey to verify the existence of the tank.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5418.

Sincerely,



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