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SUMMARY REPORT FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 26 MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above report dated October 30, 1999 and received by this office on November 1, 1999. The report presents the results of the record search activities and visual inspection of APHO 26 (also referenced as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 189). The anomaly was identified on an aerial photograph dated August 28, 1968 and described as an excavation with possible liquids located at the intersection of the taxiways, about 1,200 feet north of Runway 25R and 1,100 feet west of Runway 34L.

After review of the report, DTSC has the following comments:

1. Page 3, Table 1: Oil/water separator (OWS) 850E is included in the table; however, OWS 850E is not included in the OWS inventory listed in the March 1999 *Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Plan (BCP)*. Please clarify.
2. Page 3, Table 1, OWSs 850, 850E, and 851: The comment for the OWSs does not reflect the information provided in the *Summary Report for APHO 39 and APHO 49*, "Field sampling is planned for early 2000." Please clarify.

The report recommends a no further action status for APHO 26 based on evaluation of field inspection results, environmental program documents, and historical property records. Evidence of recent or prior excavation activities, liquids or wet soils was not observed during the visual site inspection conducted by the Navy on October 1 and 10, 1999. Evidence of prior use of the APHO 26 area for storage of hazardous substances was not found during review of environmental program

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documents and historical property records. Also, surface water from the APHO 26 vicinity discharges to Bee Canyon Wash. The wash was investigated as part of IRP Site 25. A Record of Decision for no action was signed for IRP Site 25 in September 1997.

Additionally, the report recommends that the comments for APHO 26 in Table 3-2 in the BCP be revised to correlate to the description provided in the SAIC *Final Report, Aerial Photograph Assessment, MCAS El Toro* as follows: "APHO 26, identified on a 1968 photograph as SAIC 189, is described as an excavation with possible liquids near the intersection of the taxiways southwest of IRP Site 16." Based on clarification provided by the Navy, DTSC understands that these revisions are necessary to correct previous transcription errors from the SAIC Final Report to the BCP.

Based on review of the summary report, DTSC concurs with the proposed no further action status designation and comment revision for APHO 26. The no further action status and revised comment in Table 3-2 must be documented in the next BCP update.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5395.

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NOTE TO RECORDS MANAGER: APHO 26 is located immediately adjacent to and within the study area for IRP Site 16.