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MCAS El Toro
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FROM: Commandant of the Marine Corps
TO: Commander, South West Division, Naval Facilities
Engineering Command, San Diego, CA 92132
SUBJ: ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PROPOSED DESALINATION
PLANT

REF: (a) Mtg btwn the Honorable Jacqueline Schafer, ASN(I&E),
Mr. Bob Warren (LFL), LtCol. O. Nangle (CL),
Mr. Bill Mills (OCWD), Mr. John Fonley (OCWD),
Mr. Jim McConnel (OCWD) of 15 Jul 1991

ENCL: (1) Orange County Water District, Irvine Desalter
Facility Plan and Project Report dtd May 1990

1. The reference was held at the request of Mr. Bill Mills of the Orange County Water District (OCWD). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current trichloroethylene (TCE) investigation at the MCAS El Toro and the proposed OCWD Irvine desalter project.

2. As indicated by the enclosure, which is provided for your review, the OCWD is proposing construction of a groundwater desalinization plant near MCAS El Toro. Because the facility will be located down gradient from the suspected MCAS El Toro TCE plume, the OCWD is concerned the groundwater pumping will cause the plume to spread more rapidly. Mr. Mills proposed that El Toro place pumping wells along the air station perimeter to prevent any additional plume expansion.

3. Because any decision to conduct an interim remedial action or other removal action must be evaluated through the ongoing installation restoration process and will likely require EPA and State of California approval it was concluded that the OCWD request should be referred to SWNAVFACENGCOM for evaluation. Accordingly, it is requested that a meeting be held between SWNAVFACENGCOM, MCAS El Toro and the OCWD. The meeting should allow the OCWD to explain their proposal and provide further basis for your technical evaluation of the OCWD proposals.

4. MCAS El Toro has agreed to host the proposed meeting. Ms. Chrisha Mitchell at (714) 726-6607 will serve as the point of contact for the air station. Mr. Bill Mills, OCWD, can be reached at (714) 963-5661. This Headquarters(LFL) point of contact is Mr. John Burleson at (703) 696-1001, DSN 226-1001.

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