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James F. Reilly  
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Orange County Water District  
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Dear Mr. Reilly:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation, Negative Declaration, and Initial Study for the El Toro groundwater cleanup project. We strongly support this cleanup action and feel that this project is an important step in correcting the groundwater problem in the Irvine area.

We would like to submit several comments on the Initial Study. These comments are to ensure that this public document incorporates the Marine Corps TCE report and the additional work being done by the Marine Corps.

1. Change the second sentence on the third page of the Initial Study from "The report concludes that, based on past solvent use and disposal..." to "The OCWD report concludes that, based on past solvent use and disposal..."

2. Insert the following after the sentence in comment 1; "The USMC report concludes that continuity of the plume is unlikely, that four distinct plumes may exist, and that there are probably multiple sources (in addition to USMC) for the VOC contamination detected. OCWD and USMC agreed to conduct further testing to characterize the nature and extent of on-base contamination and to conclusively determine the continuity or discontinuity of the on-base contamination with the off-base plume."

3. Change the third sentence on the third page of the Initial Study from "Based on the investigation referenced above, it was determined by the OCWD Board of Directors that implementation of a remedial program was necessary..." to "However, based on the investigations referenced above, it was determined by the OCWD Board of Directors and concurred in by USMC that implementation of a remedial program was necessary..."

If there are any questions on our comments, please contact Ensign Michael Rehor, Environmental Director, at (714) 726-2821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. Rehor".