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City of Irvine
Attn: Mr. Peter Hersh
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92713

Dear Mr. Hersh:

Thank you for your letter of September 12, 1995 expressing concern with Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro's proposal to move forward with industrial cleanup standards for removal actions on sites 4, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

The removal actions are currently in areas of the base considered industrial and recreational land use. For closing military bases that do not have a reuse plan, guidance was issued from the Department of the Navy (DoN), Environmental Policy Memorandum 95-02 dated August 17, 1995, and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Land Use in the CERCLA Remedy Selection Process dated May 25, 1995, provided as enclosures (1) and (2), for developing cleanup standards based on current and future anticipated land use.

The Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for removal actions was reviewed by the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) subcommittee for OU-2 and members of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and their technical staffs. Additionally, the EE/CA was submitted to the general public for review and comment. In following your recommendation, this was placed as an agenda item for discussion at the RAB meeting of October 26, 1995 held at the Irvine Ranch Water District. Minutes from the meeting are provided as enclosure (3). Based on the preceding information, it is appropriate to proceed with industrial cleanup standards for the seven (7) proposed removal actions. In the absence of a reuse plan, we will continue to look at how parcels are currently being used and any future anticipated land use scenario for developing cleanup standards.

Funding for the environmental restoration program is currently facing uncertainty and I cannot provide guarantees for the DoN or the USMC for future funding.

We will continue to involve all stakeholders interested in the environmental cleanup activities with the opportunity to participate and provide comment in the cleanup process at MCAS El Toro.

If you have any questions or additional comments, please call me (714) 726-3470.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOSEPH JOYCE
Base Realignment and Closure
Environmental Coordinator

Encl:

- (1) DoN Guidance
- (2) USEPA Guidance
- (3) Meeting Minutes

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