



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



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### COMMENTS ON DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION, OPERABLE UNIT 3B, NO ACTION SITES 7 AND 14, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

We have completed our review of the above reference document, dated November 2000, which we received on November 22, 2000. We have the following comments on this report:

**5.2.3.8 SUMMARY OF PHASE I AND PHASE II RESULTS, Unit 5, Open Dirt Area,** Page 5-16: Unit 5 Sample 07\_GN1, a surface sample, had a TRPH concentration of 32,091 mg/kg. Based on this analytical data, it is likely that a surface spill of petroleum hydrocarbon occurred in the area at some time in the past. A surface sample with TRPH of this concentration is considered a significant result, and represents a potential threat to surface water quality. The magnitude of this potential threat is dependent upon the area represented by this sample and the magnitude of the possible spill. We request that you investigate the area represented by this sample, and take appropriate remedial action on any surface spill delineated under your installation's petroleum release corrective action program.

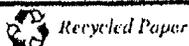
For any questions on this review or related matters, please call me at (909) 782-4498.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Ms. Nicole Moutoux, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX  
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