

COMMENTS ON DRAFT FINAL
UPDATED COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
EL TORO, CA
CTO-0063/0197

SECTION #:

1.1 This section specifies to providing information NOT found in the body of text of the rest of this document.

1.2, P1, 2nd Sentence - should read: (bordered by) the unincorporated communities of Foothill Ranch, Rancho Santa Margarita and Aliso Viejo

Last Sentence P2 - should include Rancho Santa Margarita and Aliso Viejo since not only are they newer communities than Lake Forest, but they also are more directly affected in the event of a serious release of VOC emissions during remediation efforts. (Those communities are more directly "downwind" in terms of prevailing air currents over the base.)

1.3 - ALL Paragraphs describing the communities adjacent to MCAS-El Toro are woefully inadequate to meet the stated purpose of this document to inform DON/USMC personnel of how to handle Community Relations of those same communities during the remediation. Especially lacking is the description of Laguna Hills, et al. This section should contain information as to the flavor and general personality of these respective communities so as to help the Marine Corps more easily speak to the public living in these areas. Once again, the areas of Foothill Ranch, Aliso Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita should be included here as well. ****This last three communities are more than areas only impacted by issues of Base Re-Use. In the event Clean Up issues are dragged into the public forum of the media (especially when federal funding is being cut so dramatically by Congress), a "heads-up" Plan including those people living within a 5-, 7-, and even a 10- mile radius of the base could be of significant importance to future Public Relations efforts.**

SECTION 2

2.2 - Seven Groups were IDed for 28 total interviews; of these, 5 were residents (all of whom have questionable proximity to the Base and the Clean up Sites). Most of the interviewees are not at risk nor are they in any way directly or indirectly affected by On-Station Remediation activities. In short, the survey is worthless. It seems Bechtel talked to everybody except people who may have problems related to cleaning up the base.

****Based on the list in Appendix C, this study is questionable as to being truly representative of what is being sought by the objectives stated at the beginning of this document. Most of those interviewed were politicians and "Busy-bodies" who will NOT be impacted AT ALL by BRAC Operations. (Somebody has dropped the Ball...)

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Paragraph 3 - Of Course these people were appreciative of "being involved in this process"... they were part of a very important Study which they should have had NOTHING TO DO WITH. Who cares about the concerns of people living 15 or 20 miles away! The study should focus on the concerns of people living directly next to the RCRA Remediation Actions which may be taking place IN THEIR BACKYARDS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS! This Study should be filled with Community-based Research Reports on how local residents who will live under the gun of these Clean Ups truly feel. Even if it means that Bechtel Representatives have to go out and knock on a few doors and send out a few more Info/Fact Sheets and Questionnaires.

2.2.1.1 - Paragraph 1 - The inclusion of the statement belittling the issue of GroundWater & TCE Contamination taints the Summary. It should be omitted.

2.2.1.2 - Should include reference to possible exposure of local communities to potential threats (i.e. - release of noxious odors or airborne Hazardous Chemicals (VOC's)) when Best Available Technologies utilized by DON to "Clean" El Toro's sites are used to bring MCAS-ET up to Regulatory Standards for the various proposed ReUse options.

e.g. - Release of foul odors due to daylighting of waste on a windy day during the installation of a RCRA-Cap at an On-Base Landfill Site.

2.2.1.3 - As previously stated, the make up of the group of interviewees is suspect of NOT being truly representative of the Community-At-Large (Only 5 Residents Interviewed out of the 28 conducted in 1995.)

2.2.1.3 - Paragraphs 5 & 6 - Key on the use of OCN (local Cable News Channel) as the forum for taking information directly to the public. "Hot" or interesting stories from OCN are picked up directly by HNN (Headline News Network) and K-CAL 9 (LA). This could be your most effective and efficient avenue of communication to the general public of South Orange County in the next 5 to 10 years.

2.2.1.4 - Paragraph 1 - 1/2 of 1/2 equals 1/4 or 25%!!! Why was it not simply stated "only 7 of 28 interviewees even knew of the RAB?" Criticism of RAB is correct, if even understated. RAB is not effective to facilitate Technical discussions Re: Cleanup efforts by DON/USEPA/CAL-DTSC contractors. It is however an effective Forum to provide feedback to the Marine Corps/Navy regarding the current enviro cleanups.

2.2.1.5 - Paragraph 1 - "Focus on demonstrated progress and action" could be the key catch-phrase of a highly successful PR Campaign for MCAS-ET Cleanup activities.

2.2.2 - Paragraph 2 - Great recommendation for information dissemination, but impact area should include ALL communities from Irvine (N) to Mission Viejo (S) to Coto de Caza (E) to Laguna Niguel/Dana Point (W). Quarterly News Releases would be best.

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Appendix D - Lacking OCN, K-Cal 9, KTLA WB-5 (Warner Bros. Networks) & KCOOP TV-13

SECTION 3

3.2.2.2. - Paragraph 4 - Public Meeting Locations - Should include Aliso Viejo, Mission Viejo & Rancho Santa Margarita areas.

APPENDIX D - CONTACTS FOR TARGETED INVOLVEMENT

OFFICES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- Congressman Edward R. Royce
- Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
- Congressman Ron Packard
- State Senator Rob Hurtt
- State Senator Hon. Ross Johnson
- State Senator Hon. John Lewis
- State Assemblyman Bill Morrow
- State Assemblyman Scott Haugh
- State Assemblyman Dick Ackerman

All Orange County Supervisors

******ALL FACETS OF MCAS-ET BASE CLOSURE AND REUSE ISSUES HAVE BECOME OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THE POLITICAL CIRCLES OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. THEREFORE, IT IS JUSTIFIABLE TO KEEP ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS COUNTY-WIDE INFORMED OF CURRENT CLEANUP ACTIVITIES.**

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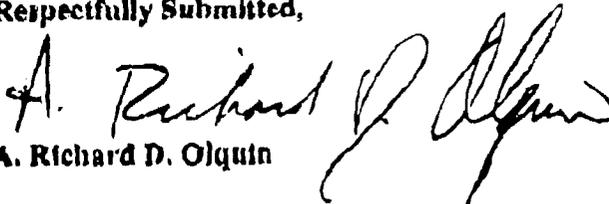
FROM: A. RICHARD D. OLQUIN

SUBJECT: COMMENTS FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

The following three(3) pages contain the written commentaries of A. Richard D. Olquin regarding CTO-0063/0197. Please forward them to Mr. Joseph Joyce. I will see you at the next RAB Meeting.

For your information, I feel strongly that the interview process for this report was inadequate and was not in staying with the Objectives as stated for this report. It may be necessary to conduct a new set of interviews within the local communities at some later date in order to provide DON/USMC with a more fitting report.

Respectfully Submitted,


A. Richard D. Olquin