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Subject: Standards for Clean-up of Hazardous Waste Sites at MCAS El Toro

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The City of Lake Forest is very concerned that the clean-up process is proceeding for the hazardous waste sites at MCAS El Toro before there is any definite determination of the ultimate land uses that will occur on the Base property. While recognizing the benefits of getting the process started, our serious concern is that the standard to which the sites will be remediated is only for industrial use. We do not see the sense of this standard, even though it was recommended by the Restoration Advisory Board.

As you know, there is a wide variety of possible uses that may be made of the Base property. By only cleaning up these sites to industrial use standards, that may have important consequences for what kinds of uses actually may be selected. The clean-up process should NOT dictate the selection of ultimate uses in the Reuse Plan. I am sure that is not your intention in utilizing the industrial standard.

We would appreciate your considering our concern and explaining to us if we are not understanding something. Unless we are missing something, the remediation should be done to a standard that will allow the most sensitive uses so as not to preclude the selection process for the Reuse Plan. If there is some idea that the sites could be further remediated above industrial standards for property with non-industrial uses in the Ultimate Reuse Plan, we believe there should be specific disclosure about the funding potential and timing for the additional remediation that may be necessary.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity

Sincerely,
CITY OF LAKE FOREST

Richard T. Dixon
Mayor

cc: City Council



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