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Supervisor Marian Bergeson  
Chairman, El Toro Reuse Planning Authority  
2501 Alton Parkway  
Irvine, CA 92714

Dear Supervisor Bergeson:

Thank you for your letter of January 11, 1995, concerning the allocation of air emission reduction credits at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro. At the outset, I want to assure you that the Department of the Navy shares your desire for expeditious and productive reuse of MCAS El Toro. In consonance with those goals, we appreciate the importance of air emission reduction credits (ERCs) to your redevelopment efforts. The Department of the Navy's policy regarding the allocation of ERCs is to strike a balance between redevelopment needs and military interests. When we must retain ERCs to protect a vital Department of Defense mission capability, we will do so. We believe, however, that in most cases, both redevelopment and military interests can be satisfied and we will seek that result here. Governor Wilson's letter of February 3, 1995, to the Secretary of Defense reinforces our belief that both needs can be accommodated.

Each of our closing bases has unique circumstances; thus, our policy should be flexible. I recommend that you continue to work closely with MCAS El Toro and the South Coast Air Quality Management Board to achieve an ERC allocation that makes sense for all parties. The point of contact on my staff for further discussion is Mr. Paul Yaroschak, Director, Environmental Compliance and Restoration Policy. If you wish to discuss this matter with Mr. Yaroschak, he may be reached at (703) 614-1282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pirie, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.

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