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**From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro
To: Commanding Officer, Southwest Naval Facilities Engineering
Command**

Subj: CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM DRMO YARD NO. 1 (SITE 8)

1. We need your immediate assistance to resolve a problem related to one of our installation restoration (IR) program sites.
2. A contractor recently removed contaminated soil from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Yard No. 1 (Site 8) during a repaving job. The soil was placed on the west bank of Bee Canyon Wash, one of our major drainage ways.
3. We discovered the problem on the afternoon of 10 December and the soil was moved onto plastic sheeting a short distance from the channel. We also covered the soil with plastic, to prevent it from being washed into the channel by the rain.
4. The relocation and covering of the soil was a temporary emergency measure only. We should carry out a CERCLA "removal action", because the soil originally came from an IR site.
5. We request that you arrange for the soil to be placed in "roll-off" containers, transported to the MCAS El Toro IR Site Facility adjacent to Gate 2, tested, and disposed of in the same way that soil from the Phase I Remedial Investigation was handled.
6. We're taking steps to prevent this kind of problem from happening in the future. Meanwhile, we need your help to resolve the current situation. Your staff is familiar with our IR program and you have rapid access to funding and contract services that we lack.
7. We appreciate your support. Please contact our MCAS El Toro IR program environmental engineer, Chrisa Mitchell, at (714) 726-6607 (DSN 997-6607) if you have any questions.


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