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Dear Mr. Joyce:

## **MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EI TORO PROPOSED REMEDY FOR LANDFILL SITES ON STATION**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a copy of the Orange County Local Redevelopment Agency's (LRA) response to the Proposed Plan for remediation of the inactive landfills at MCAS El Toro. The LRA expressed reservations regarding the United States Marine Corps (USMC) preferred remedy for landfill Sites 3 and 5, including the lack of compatibility of the remedy with the planned reuse of these two sites, the restrictive nature of the proposed institutional controls, and other uncertainties regarding the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study. The LRA proposed an alternative that is a modified cap design for Sites 3 and 5.

As noted in the Proposed Plan, DTSC continues to be concerned that the USMC's preferred alternative does not support future reuse of these two sites. The LRA's comments bolster DTSC concerns about USMC's proposed remedy for Sites 3 and 5. Prior to making any final determinations, DTSC suggests that a meeting be held between all interested parties, including the USMC, regulatory agencies, and the LRA to review the LRA's concerns and proposal and determine whether there is a possibility of modification of the preferred alternative in response to state and local comments.

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We look forward to working with you to facilitate cleanup efforts at MCAS El Toro. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5418.

Sincerely,



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