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BRAC Environmental Coordinator
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Attn: Mr. Dean Gould
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RE: Response to EPA's comments on Draft Site Closure Report, Vadose Zone Remediation, IRP Site 24, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated August, 2001

Dear Mr. Gould:

We have reviewed the Navy's response to EPA's comments and find them to in general adequately address our concerns. As discussed at the BCT conference call on December 19, 2001, EPA is open the Navy's proposal to close out the vadose zone at Site 24 if the Navy would consider leaving some of the existing SVE wells in for monitoring or extraction if needed as well as for evaluation purposes during the remedial design of the groundwater remedy. The BCT should discuss which wells would be appropriate to leave in at a future meeting.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole G. Moutoux".

Nicole G. Moutoux
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