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PRELIMINARY DRAFT FINAL PROPOSED PLAN FOR OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1  
INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) SITE 18 AND OU-2A IRP SITE 24,  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above-referenced document dated August 2000 and received by this office on August 11, 2000. The preliminary draft final Proposed Plan (PP) describes the alternatives for cleanup of contaminated groundwater at OU 1 IRP Site 18 (Regional Groundwater Plume) and OU 2A IRP Site 24 (Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Source Area) at MCAS El Toro.

After review of the preliminary draft final PP, DTSC is satisfied that most of the comments forwarded in our May 3, 2000 letter regarding the draft PP have been adequately addressed. However, after review of the preliminary draft final PP, DTSC has the following comments regarding the Site Location Map on Page 5:

1. Since the concentration ranges apply to both the principal (regional) aquifer and the shallow groundwater unit, please remove the term "Regional" from the title "TCE [trichloroethene] Concentrations in Regional Groundwater."
2. The concentration ranges "From 5 ppb [parts per billion] to 20 ppb" and "Above 50 ppb, some areas above 500 ppb" are shown for the plume in the shallow groundwater unit. Please show the concentration range "From 20 ppb to 50 ppb" for the shallow groundwater unit if feasible.



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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,



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