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COMMENTS ON SUMMARY REPORT, FORMER TOTAL RECOVERABLE PETROLEUM HYDROCARBON (TRPH) RELEASE AT INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP) SITE 7, UNIT 5, FORMER U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

We have completed our review of the above-referenced document, dated November 16, 2001, which we received on November 26, 2001. Based on the information in the report, we have the following comments:

The maps from the 1993 Jacobs Engineering Group and the Record of Decision for Sites 7 and 14, dated June 2001, show that sample 07GN1 was collected southeast of Building 310 (south side of the fence). According to the map of the verification samples location, they were collected east of Building 310 and on the north side of the fence.

Based on this information it would appear that the verification samples were not collected from the correct location.

It is difficult for us to determine if the verification soil samples collected in October 2001 were taken from the same location as the original sample 07GN1, where 32,091 mg/kg TRPH was detected at the surface. At this time we do not concur with the request for closure.

Additional characterization on both sides of the fence is warranted. We require the submittal of a work plan for addition characterization.

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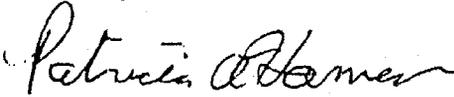
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Sincerely,



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