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Subject: Final Explanation of Significant Differences, Site 18 – Regional Volatile Organic Compound Groundwater Plume (Operable Unit 1) and Site 24 – Volatile Organic Compounds Source Area (Operable Unit 2A)
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Mr. Newton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) from the Record of Decision for Sites 18 and 24 -- Regional VOC Plume – at the Former MCAS El Toro and has determined that our comments have been adequately addressed. EPA concurs with the ESD and transmits herewith the signature page for approval of the ESD.

If you have any questions regarding EPA's concurrence, please direct them to Rich Muza at 415-972-3349. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Johnson, Chief
Federal Facility and Site Cleanup Branch

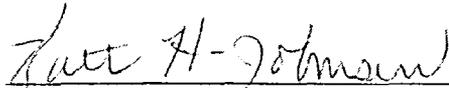
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