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Mr. Darren Newton
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Subject: Final Record of Decision (ROD), Operable Unit 2A, Site 24 – VOC Source Area,
Vadose Zone
Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

Mr. Newton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Record of Decision for Site 24, VOC Source Area, Vadose Zone at the Former MCAS El Toro and has determined that our comments have been adequately addressed. EPA concurs with the ROD and transmits herewith the signature page for approval of the ROD.

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

cc. Frank Cheng, DTSC
John Broderick, RWQCB

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Declaration

at Site 24. This action will be documented in an Explanation of Significant Differences to the Sites 18 and 24 groundwater ROD.

ROD DATA CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

The following information is included in the Decision Summary:

- description of vadose zone interim remedial action (Section 2)
- COCs and their respective concentrations (Section 5)
- human-health risks represented by COCs prior to remediation (Section 7)
- other evaluation criteria established for COCs and the basis for these criteria (Sections 5 and 7)
- assumptions in the human-health risk assessment and this ROD for current and reasonably anticipated future land use (Section 7)
- attainment of remedial action objectives developed in the Interim ROD (Section 7)
- key factors that led to selecting the remedy (Section 8)

Additional information can be found in the administrative record files for this site.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

Signature: _____

Mr. Darren Newton
Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator
Marine Corps Air Station El Toro

Date: 27-FEB-06

Signature: _____

Mr. John E. Scandura, Chief
Southern California Operations, Office of Military Facilities
California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Ms. Kathleen H. Johnson, Chief
Federal Facility and Site Cleanup Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Date: 3/1/06

Signature: _____

Mr. Gerard Thibeault, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

Date: _____