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Subj: Aerial Photograph Anomaly APHO 12 (SAIC 92)
Aerial Photograph Anomaly Program
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Provided for your review as the attachment is the Summary Report for Aerial Photograph Anomaly APHO 12, also known as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 92, in the southeastern section of the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), El Toro. SAIC identified this anomaly as wet soils in the area between East Marine Way and Z Street on a photograph taken in February 1958.

APHO 12 includes two separate areas: one area is located within the boundary of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) Yard 2 and one area is located at Building 457, a former group headquarters building. DRMO Yard 2 was investigated during the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA) as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) Number 46. A former polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) spill area at the pad-mounted transformer at Building 457 was investigated during the RFA as SWMU Number 244. No further action status has been achieved for SWMU 46 and SWMU 244. Building 457 was constructed after 1958, the date of the photograph on which APHO 12 was identified.

We evaluated historical aerial photographs, Station maps and plans, Station property records, environmental program management plans, and the results of previous environmental restoration program investigations, and we conducted a visual inspection of the APHO 12 vicinity in November 1999. No areas of wet soil or stains were observed during the visual inspection. It is possible that storm water runoff accumulated at APHO 12 and caused the appearance of wet soils on the 1958 photograph.

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Based upon the absence of records identifying storage of hazardous substances at APHO 12 and the absence of evidence of wet soils or stains during our recent visual inspection, we are requesting that *no further action status* be designated for APHO 12 (SAIC 92) in the next BRAC Cleanup Plan update.

If we do not receive comments from you within sixty days of receipt of this document, then we will assume that you concur with our conclusions and we will continue our evaluation of historical aerial photograph anomalies. A formal transmittal letter may follow.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (619) 532-4162. Thank you very much.

Attachment

- Summary Report, Aerial Photograph Anomaly APHO 12 (SWDIV, November 1999)

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SUMMARY REPORT
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 12

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