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Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin
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RE: Draft Final Environmental Baseline Survey, dated April 2003, Former MCAS El Toro,
El Toro, CA

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA received the draft final Environmental Baseline Survey on May 5, 2003. The draft final document reflects revisions made to the document based in part on regulatory comments on the draft EBS. We find the document to be well-organized and well-written. The enclosed comments address our remaining concerns.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415)972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nicole Moutoux".

Nicole Moutoux
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Enclosure

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**EPA Comments on
Draft Final Environmental Baseline Survey
MCAS El Toro
April 2003**

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The discussion on page 4-6 regarding Anomaly Area 3 should include information about the Removal Site Evaluation as well as include the ECP area type for Anomaly Area 3 within the text. Currently the text refers the reader to Table 4-4 for a discussion of the APHO sites. The table then states that a "removal site evaluation(RSE) is underway at Anomaly Area 3" and provides the area type for each APHO. Because documents have been issued referring specifically to Anomaly Area 3 and not AHPOs 59-65, more information regarding the RSE should be in the text on page 4-6 and the text should indicate the area type for the entire anomaly area 3.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

1. Figure 6-1a: There is a discrepancy between the area types shown for APHOs 59-65 on figure 6-1a and what is in Table 4-4. Table 4-4 shows the APHOs as area type 7 while the figures shows them as type 5. The figure should be revised to show these APHOs as area type 7.
2. Appendix E, PRL 46: No figure is provided for this PRL.
3. Appendix E, PRL 130: No figure is provided for this PRL.
4. Appendix 2, Pesticide Mixing Area: No figure is provided for this PRL.