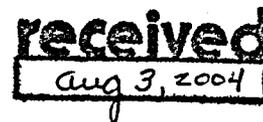




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July 27, 2004



Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin, BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
Base Realignment and Closure  
Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro  
7040 Trabuco Road  
Irvine, CA 92618

RE: Concurrence on Finding of Suitability to Lease for Carve-outs within Parcels I, II and III,  
Former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the revisions made to the text, tables, figures and attachments for the Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL) for Carve-outs Within Parcels I, II, III, Former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated July, 2004. The revisions were sent via e-mail in response to comments made by EPA and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Based on the revisions made EPA has no further comments on the FOSL.

The purpose of this FOSL is to establish that the identified property is suitable for lease by a lease in furtherance of conveyance. The carve-out properties identified in the FOSL are subject to ongoing environmental actions and are therefore not suitable for transfer by deed.

EPA concurs that the property identified in the FOSL is suitable for lease as long as future lessees comply with the stated notifications and restrictions.

We look forward to receiving the final document with associated revisions. If you have any questions, please call Nicole Moutoux, EPA Remedial Project Manager for MCAS El Toro, at (415) 972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen H. Johnson".

Kathleen H. Johnson  
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