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Dear Mr. Joyce:

EPA has reviewed the "Draft Report Anthropogenic PAH Reference-Level Study" for MCAS El Toro, received on May 10, 1996. The report does not require revision, however, I would like to clarify a few minor elements as follows:

- 1) Page i, 3rd paragraph; The text states that "at the request of the MCAS El Toro BCT, six of the PAH sample locations associated with runway areas had additional surface soil collected for target analyte list metals analysis" as well as dioxins. It may not be clear to community reviewers that the locations sampled were the unpaved areas alongside the paved runways.
- 2) Page 1-1, 2nd paragraph; As discussed in past BCT meetings, any PAHs contributed by aircraft exhaust at MCAS El Toro would not be considered part of the "reference" or anthropogenic sample population.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 415/744-2368.

Sincerely,

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