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Gentlemen:

## **DETECTION OF PERCHLORATE IN THE GROUNDWATER AT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EI TORO**

Thank you for your letter dated July 14, 1998, in which you expressed concern over the detection of Perchlorate in the groundwater at MCAS El Toro. This issue has recently come to the attention of Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and we are equally concerned.

DTSC, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) have conferred with the United States Marine Corps (USMC) about the need for development of a more comprehensive investigation to ascertain the (potential) source(s) and extent of this new hazardous chemical. In response, the USMC has informed us that they will submit a modified workplan for agency approval to address the Perchlorate. Once the regulatory agencies have approved the workplan, additional fieldwork will commence.

We assure you that DTSC, the RWQCB, and USEPA will provide close oversight during the entire investigation and any subsequent remediation. As more information becomes available, it will be disseminated to the public through the Restoration Advisory Board meetings and the administrative record for the site.

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We appreciate your interest in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (714) 484-5418 or call Mr. Joseph Joyce, BRAC Environmental Coordinator for El Toro at (949) 726-3470.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Please note the attached copy of this letter to Mr. Paul D. Eckles, Executive Director, ETRPA which is being forwarded to the City of Irvine address because Mr. Eckles did not provide a direct mailing address.

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