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MCAS EL TORO
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated July 14, 1998, in which you express concern over the detection of Perchlorate in the groundwater at MCAS El Toro. This issue has recently come to EPA's attention and we too are concerned.

EPA and the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) have conferred with the Department of the Navy (DON) about the development of a more comprehensive investigation to ascertain the (potential) source(s) of this new chemical as well as it's extent. In response, the Navy has informed us that they will be submitting a modified work plan for agency approval, that will address Perchlorate. Once the work plan has been approved, additional fieldwork will commence.

To learn more about the Navy's proposed actions, I encourage the both of you to attend the next MCAS EL Toro Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting scheduled at 6:30 PM on July 29, where Navy representatives will be discussing this issue.

Let me assure you that EPA and DTSC will provide close oversight during the entire Perchlorate investigation and for any subsequent remediation. Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 744-2210.

Sincerely,

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