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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENT TO MARCH 2000 PROPOSED
SAMPLING AT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 38, MARINE CORPS AIR
STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the subject response to comments dated August 7, 2001. The responses were provided for comments forwarded by DTSC in a letter dated July 9, 2001. APHO 38 was identified by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as SAIC 252 on a 1973 aerial photograph. The anomaly was described as a probable excavation adjacent to Building 1789. The United States Environmental Protection Agency also identified a similar anomaly (EPA 229) on a 1970 aerial photograph, which was described as pits in the same vicinity as SAIC 252.

The objective of the proposed sampling is to obtain preliminary information regarding the chemical compounds associated with the site. After review of the response to comments, DTSC finds that our comments have been adequately addressed. Please contact me at (714) 484-5395 if you have any questions.

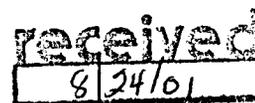
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Triss M. Chesney".

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