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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud
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FROM: Ms. Marsha Mingay *mmg*
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DATE: June 8, 1999

SUBJECT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS ON RESPONSIVENESS
SUMMARY FOR MARINE CORPS AIR STATION – EL TORO,
CALIFORNIA PROPOSED PLAN, OPERABLE UNIT 2C, LANDFILL
SITES 3 AND 5

Thank you for the opportunity to read and comment on the above referenced document. The document is well written and the layout format easy to access. To increase the ease of handling, it is suggested that a table of contents be added which identifies the page number to the name of the person or group submitting comments.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Response to Written Comments Received During the Public Comment Period

1. Number 1; page 1 and 2 — The response could be enhanced by reordering the paragraphs so that the most direct response is the first paragraph. Specifically, the third paragraph becomes the 1st; the second paragraph becomes the 3rd, and the first paragraph becomes the 2nd.
2. Number 5; page 11 — The last section of this comment addresses liability concerns. To respond to the concerns raised, please include comments which clarify why monitoring is done (i.e., to identify if contaminants are migrating away from the site's boundaries) and who is liable if contamination spreads to adjacent property owners.

3. Number 6A; page 11 and 12 — Similar to my comment number one, the response could be enhanced by reordering the paragraphs so that the most direct response is the first paragraph. Specifically, the first paragraph becomes the 3rd, the second paragraph becomes the 1st, and the third paragraph becomes the 2nd.
4. Number 6J, page 17 — The response states, "The FS reports have been accepted as final by the BCT." This statement is misleading. Since regulations require the review and comment on the feasibility study, remedial investigation and proposed plan in the 30 day public comment period, it is understood that these documents are not final until public comments are considered and responses are made. To clarify this process and avoid confusing the reader, please delete this sentence.

If the statement is made to indicate that the BCT agrees with the contents of the FS, then reword the sentence.

5. Number 10C, page 25 — Please note that Public Participation believes maps should be included in the copies sent to the Restoration Advisory Board members. As indicated by the comment, the lack of maps prevent them from fully evaluating the data. If cost associated to maps is prohibitive, then a compromise could be identified which provides the subcommittee members a copy of the map.
6. Number 10O, page 27 — Comment 10A does not address the comment. Please state a response to the question, "Does it require remediation if it is not above background?"

Response to Comments from the 18 June 1998 Public Meeting

7. Number 1B, page 1 — Please add a contact number and name so that the individual can follow up with the appropriate person.
8. Number 2, page 3 — The response could be enhanced by reordering the paragraphs so that the most direct response is the first paragraph. Specifically, the fourth paragraph should be the 1st; the fifth paragraph should be the 2nd, the sixth paragraph should be the 3rd, the third paragraph should be the 4th; the second paragraph should be the 5th, and the first paragraph should be the 6th.
9. Number 3, page 4 — The response puts the onus on the regulations versus the decision to leave waste in place (which instigates the need for regulations). Please reword to focus on the decision to leave waste in place and the regulations which ensure that the remedy is safe to public health and the environment.
10. Number 5B, page 9 — According to the proposed plan, the public comment period ran from May 15 to July 13, 1998. Please correct the dates in the fifth bullet.

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11. Number 5B, page 9 — To add clarity, please state that the public meeting was held on June 18, 1998.