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Dear Mr. Zarnoch:

On June 18, 1992, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CALEPA) issued a memorandum entitled "California Cancer Potency Factors." CALEPA has provided the Department of Navy (DON) with a copy of state guidance on their cancer potency factors and has requested it be utilized in risk assessment work at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), El Toro. We are aware that there are some differences between the State cancer potency factors and those developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Before the DON adopts the State factors into the MACS El Toro risk assessment process, we request that CALEPA identify the specific State cancer potency factors that it requests we use at MCAS El Toro that are more stringent than or in addition to cancer potency factors developed by the USEPA. In addition, please explain the basis for the differences. Adequate written technical and legal justification is requested so that the potential significance, as well as the applicability or relevance and appropriateness of these factors can be evaluated before DON agrees to utilize the State cancer potency factors in the CERCLA process.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (619) 532-2532.

Sincerely,


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