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## SUMMARY REPORT AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 40, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the following information:

- Summary Report for Aerial Photograph Anomaly APHO 40, dated September 30, 1999 and received by this office on October 15, 1999
- Response to Comments letter for Aerial Photograph Anomaly Summary Reports for APHO 9, APHO 10, APHO 39/49, APHO 40, APHO 50 and Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 94 Summary Report, dated December 27, 1999 and received by this office on December 29, 1999.

The response letter addresses a DTSC request for clarification regarding APHO 40 that was forwarded to the Navy on December 6, 1999. DTSC requested additional clarification for the recommendation to revise the comments for APHO 40 in Table 3-2 in the *Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Plan (BCP)* to correlate to the description provided in the SAIC *Final Report, Aerial Photograph Assessment, MCAS El Toro (Final Report)* as follows: "APHO 40, identified on a 1974 photograph as SAIC 271, is described as probable drums on the southwest side of the former Building 287 near the former passenger terminal (Building 624)." Based on clarification provided in the response to comments, DTSC understands that these revisions are necessary to correct previous transcription errors from the SAIC Final Report to the BCP.

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The summary report recommends a no further action status for APHO 40 based on evaluation of field inspection results, environmental program documents, and historical property records. Evidence of drums, other stored items, stains or discolored areas was not observed during the visual site inspection conducted by the Navy on September 19, 1999. Evidence of prior use of the APHO 40 area for storage of hazardous substances was not found during review of environmental program documents and historical property records.

Based on review of the summary report and subsequent response to comments, DTSC concurs with the proposed no further action status designation and comment revision for APHO 40. The no further action status and revised comment in Table 3-2 must be documented in the next BCP update.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5395.

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