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### SUMMARY REPORT FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 15, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above report dated February 8, 2000 and received by this office on February 14, 2000. The report presents the results of the record search activities and visual inspection of APHO 15 (also referenced as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 113). APHO 15 was identified on an aerial photograph dated June 28, 1960 and was described as three stained areas adjacent to the edge of the aircraft parking apron.

The report recommends a status of no further action for APHO 15 based on evaluation of field inspection results, environmental program documents, and historical property records. Evidence of stains or discolored areas were observed during the visual inspections conducted by the Navy on September 5, October 10, November 10, and December 19, 1999, and February 6, 2000. Evidence of prior use of the APHO 15 areas for storage of hazardous substances was not found during review of environmental program documents and historical property records.

Additionally, the report recommends that comments for APHO 15 in the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Business Plan update be revised to correlate to the description provided in the SAIC *Final Report, Aerial Photograph Assessment, MCAS El Toro* as follows: "APHO 15 (SAIC 113) is described as three (3) stained areas near the edge of the aircraft parking apron near Tank Farm 3." Based on clarification provided by the Navy, DTSC understands that these revisions are necessary to correct previous transcription errors from the SAIC Final Report to the BRAC Cleanup Plan (predecessor to the BRAC Business Plan).

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Based on review of the summary report, DTSC concurs with the proposed status of no further action and comment revisions for APHO 15. The no further action status and revised comment must be documented in the next Business Plan update.

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

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