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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM, FORMER BOMB ASSEMBLY AREA, AMMUNITION
SUPPLY POINT, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the referenced document dated September 7, 2001 and received by this office on October 11, 2001. The memorandum describes the routine operations conducted at the former bomb assembly area, ammunition supply point at MCAS El Toro. The memorandum was prepared in response to a DTSC letter dated July 24, 2001. The letter requested information regarding the potential release of hazardous substances from the former bomb assembly area.

The former bomb assembly area is located in the northeastern section of the Station, east of Magazine Road between Installation Restoration Program Sites 1 and 2. The site consists of a large concrete foundation with five steel canopy structures that are designated as Buildings 806, 807, 808, 809, and 810. Based on the memorandum, the former bomb assembly area was constructed in 1986 and routine operations discontinued in 1999.

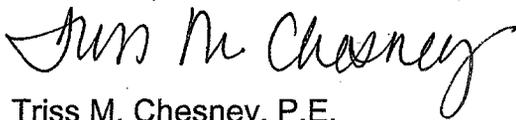
Routine operations included the attachment of external parts to bombs, such as fins, fuse adaptors, and lug bolts for mounts and electrical harnesses. Since the bombs arrived in the area intact in containers or on pallets, there was no discharge of chemicals or residual explosive materials as a result of assembly operations.

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DTSC appreciates the clarification of activities associated with the former bomb assembly area. Based on the information provided in the memorandum, DTSC believes that it is unlikely that hazardous substances were released due to bomb assembly operations. As a result, DTSC does not require further action for the former bomb assembly area.

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

Sincerely,



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