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Subject: Summary Report for Group 3 Potential Release Locations (PRLs), Environmental Baseline Survey, Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California

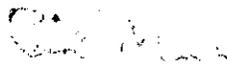
Mr. Newton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the subject report dated October 2005. We have one comments to offer on this document as presented:

**Attachment 3, Summary Report PRL 297** – Soil sample HA-1 was collected at a depth of 4 feet in the vicinity of Pit 1 in the Tank Shop; a lead concentration of 214 mg/kg was reported for this sample. While the results for other metals in this sample do not provide evidence of a significant release, the value reported for lead exceeds both the MCAS El Toro background concentration (15.1 mg/kg) by over an order of magnitude and the preliminary remediation goal (150 mg/kg) by a factor close to 1.5. As a result, the non-carcinogenic hazard index was determined to be 1.4. Based on this result, EPA recommends further assessment of this area of the hanger at PRL 297 to confirm that a significant release has not occurred.

If you should have any questions/concerns, please contact me at 415-972-3349.

Sincerely,



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