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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region  
Attention: Mr. Larry Vitale  
3737 Main Street, Suite 500  
Riverside, CA 92501-3339

Dear Mr. Vitale:

We are requesting permanent closure of former oil/water separator (OWS) site 357 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. This facility was removed and sampled in the presence of the Orange County Health Care Agency on May 1, 1997.

The enclosed Tank Removal and Site Closure Report provides the chain of custody forms, analytical results of sampling, and the fate of the former OWS and piping. Of the five soil samples obtained from the excavation, only one sidewall sample had detectable levels of petroleum hydrocarbons. The concentration of TPH as diesel was 1,400 mg/kg, slightly higher than the default value of 1,000 mg/kg to characterize it as a low-risk site in accordance with the California Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) manual. We believe, however, that the enclosed report will satisfy the Regional Water Quality Control Board that no further action is necessary.

Please contact LT Hope Katcharian at (714)726-6607 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

WAYNE D. LEE

Assistant Chief of Staff  
Environment and Safety  
By direction of  
the Commanding General

Encl:

(1) Tank Removal and Site Closure Report for Former OWS 357

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TANK REMOVAL AND SITE CLOSURE REPORT  
OIL-WATER SEPARATOR 357

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