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Subject: Summary Report for Group 1 Potential Release Locations (PRL), Environmental Baseline Survey, Former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California

Mr. Pizskin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the subject report dated February 2005. We have but one comment to offer on this document.

Attachment 2, Summary Report PRL 47 – While less than the Residential Soil PRG, the lead detection in the soil sample from PRL 47-HA5, collected at one-foot depth near the storm drain outfall, is close to an order of magnitude higher than site background concentrations for lead. This sample was collected primarily to assess the potential impacts from an aircraft wash rack area located south of Building 47, and the chemicals of concern in this case were identified as VOCs and TPHs from solvents and oily residuals, respectively. What previous site activities could be attributed as the source of the elevated lead detection at this location?

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Muza".

Rich Muza
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