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Subj: Summary Report, Aerial Photograph Anomalies APHO 39 and APHO 49
Aerial Photograph Anomaly Program
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Provided for your review as the attachment is the Summary Report for Aerial Photograph Anomalies APHO 39 and APHO 49, also known as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 258 and SAIC 449, respectively. The anomalies are located in the northwestern section of the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro east of Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 16. APHO 39 and APHO 49 were identified on historical photographs dated 1973 and 1981, respectively. The anomalies are described as wet soil or probable wet soil, stain, liquid, and possible horizontal tank (above-ground tank).

We evaluated historical aerial photographs, Station maps and plans, Station property records, environmental program management plans, and the results of previous environmental restoration program investigations, and we conducted visual inspections of the APHO 39/APHO 49 vicinity in October 1999. No wet soils or liquids or above-ground tanks were observed in the APHO 39/APHO 49 vicinity. It is possible that storm water runoff caused the wet soils or liquids that were identified on the historical aerial photographs and that the nearby Structure 399 or the former (now demolished) Building 381 were identified as a possible above-ground tank.

Based upon the absence of visual evidence of wet soils, liquids, or above-ground tanks at the APHO 39/49 vicinity and the absence of historical documentation identifying the storage of hazardous materials or wastes at the APHO 39/APHO 49 vicinity, we are requesting that *no further action status* be designated for APHO 39 (SAIC 258) and APHO 49 (SAIC 449) in the BRAC Cleanup Plan update.

If we do not receive comments from you within sixty (60) days of receipt of this document, then we will assume that you concur with our recommendations and we will continue with our evaluation of various Aerial Photograph Anomaly sites. A formal transmittal letter may follow.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (619) 532-4162 if you have questions pertaining to this project. Thank you very much.

Attachment

Summary Report, APHO 39 and APHO 49 (SWDIV, October 1999)

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SUMMARY REPORT
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALIES
APHO 39 AND APHO 49

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