–PUBLIC NOTICE–

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION EL TORO
Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST)
and
Proposed RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination
and
RCRA Facility Boundary Modification

The Department of the Navy invites the public to review and comment on a Draft Final Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) for certain property at the former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro. The Draft Final FOST concludes that property specifically identified in that document is environmentally suitable for transfer in accordance with Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA hazardous waste facility boundary modification. DTSC finds that all necessary contamination clean up has been completed on the property described in the FOST and proposes to exclude this property from the MCAS El Toro RCRA hazardous waste facility property boundary. A summary of DTSC's proposed Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA facility boundary modification has been included in the Draft Final FOST as a section of that document. DTSC has prepared a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the RCRA Determination and facility boundary modification.

MCAS El Toro is a RCRA hazardous waste facility (Facility). Its operating permit expired on August 18, 2003. Corrective action is required at RCRA Facilities to investigate and clean up contamination in the soil and groundwater from past practices. The Draft Final FOST documents that all necessary corrective action has been completed for the property proposed for transfer by deed. DTSC has determined that corrective action requirements continue to apply to the remaining MCAS El Toro property. The maps and detailed descriptions of the property are included in the FOST. This DTSC determination shall have no effect upon the MCAS El Toro National Priorities List site designation.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
May 3 through June 17, 2004

The public is encouraged to comment on the Draft Final FOST and DTSC's proposed Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA Facility boundary modification for MCAS El Toro during the 45-day public comment period.

The Draft Final FOST and associated documents and a copy of the proposed RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA Facility boundary modification are available for public review and comment at MCAS El Toro and at the MCAS El Toro Information Repository. To review copies of these documents at MCAS El Toro, please contact Ms. Marge Flesch at (949) 726-5398. The Information Repository is located at:

Heritage Park Regional Library, 14361 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California, (949) 551-7151 (call for current hours).

Access to review public records supporting the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board or Orange County Health Care Agency cleanup and corrective action decisions for underground storage tanks and above-ground storage tanks relied upon in the Draft Final FOST and proposed RCRA Corrective Action Completion Determination and RCRA Facility boundary modification, including "no further action" decisions, may be reviewed by contacting the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board at (909) 782-4499 or the Orange County Health Care Agency at (714) 834-3536.

Submitting Public Comments

Written comments submitted on the Draft Final FOST should be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by **June 17, 2004**, and sent to:

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Written comments on the proposed RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA Facility boundary modification should be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by **June 17, 2004**, and sent to:

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For more information on the Draft Final FOST, please call Mr. Piszkin at (619) 532-0784.
For more information on the RCRA Corrective Action Complete Determination and RCRA Facility boundary modification, please call Mr. Mahmoud at (714) 484-5419.