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Subject: Draft Closure Report for Soil Excavation at Two Maintenance Sheds Area, Stuart Mesa West Agricultural Field, 31 Area, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California (a.k.a. Installation Restoration Site 1120, Subsite 16)

Ms. Morley:

The "Draft Closure Report for Soil Excavation at Two Maintenance Sheds Area, Stuart Mesa West Agricultural Field, 31 Area, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California" (Draft Closure Report) prepared by Tidewater, Inc., dated March 20, 2014, was received by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) on March 27, 2014. The Draft Closure Report presents a description and findings of soil remedial activities conducted during September and October 2013 at two former agricultural maintenance sheds within the Stuart Mesa West Agricultural Field (Site, SMWAF), Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (Base). The objective of the remedial activities was to achieve soil conditions to allow the expansion of the Marine Corps Tactical Systems Activity (MCTSSA) area. Based on the soil confirmation analytical data, in the Draft Report it is concluded that the soil project screening levels (PSLs) were achieved throughout the Site and it is recommended that the San Diego Water Board issue a no further action letter for the Site.

The San Diego Water Board requests that the Draft Report be expanded to include the locations and analytical data for the soil confirmation samples that exceeded the PSLs. The Draft Report figures and tables only present the locations and analytical data, respectively, for soil confirmation samples that did not exceed PSLs, the final confirmation sampling event. Information regarding the locations and analytical data for confirmation samples that exceeded PSLs, not provided in the Draft Report, provides a more comprehensive complete presentation of initial Site conditions and provides some insight into the fate and transport of agricultural waste at the Site. Such information is requested because it may assist with the future designing of environmental investigations and developing feasibility studies for other contaminated sites involving similar historical activities and environmental conditions within the Base.

The San Diego Water Board appreciates Navy's time and efforts addressing environmental issues at the Two Maintenance Sheds Area Site within the Base SMWAF and looks forward to continuing to assist Navy with environmental issues at contaminated sites within Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton boundaries. The San Diego Water Board apologizes to the Navy for not reviewing the Draft Report in a timelier manner but I did not receive the Draft Report until July 15, 2014. In the subject line of any response pertaining to the Site, please include the reference number T10000004286:BGGriffey. For questions or comments, I may be reached by phone at (619) 521-3342, or by email at BGGriffey@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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