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Ms. Gena Townsend
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Region IV
345 Cortland Street
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

This correspondence serves as a Notice of Non-Significant Change to the selected remedial alternative in the September 1994 Final Record of Decision (ROD) document for Operable Unit (OU) 1 located within Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Lejeune. OU 1 is comprised of Sites 21, 24, and 78 under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) program. MCB, Camp Lejeune would like to discontinue the long-term monitoring at Site 24 as a result of three consecutive sampling periods showing contaminant levels below Federal and State action levels as indicated in Enclosure (1). We have discussed this change in the ROD for OU 1 with both yourself and Mr. David Lown from the Superfund Section of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources during the November 1997 Partnering meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

We understand this does not remove Site 24 from the scheduled evaluation in the CERCLA 5-year review in September 1999. A decision at that time will be made on whether or not to remove Site 24 from subsequent 5-year CERCLA reviews.

The proposed change presented herein pertains to the above mentioned ROD dated September 1994 and discontinues the requirement for periodic groundwater sampling at Site 24. No changes to the selected remedial alternatives for the other two sites in OU 1 are being proposed at this time. Background and details regarding the proposed change for Site 24 follows.

The ROD for OU 1 stipulates that groundwater samples from three monitoring wells at Site 24 be obtained on a quarterly basis and analyzed for the select contaminant of concern. The contaminant of concern in groundwater at Site 24 was identified during the 1993 Remedial Investigation (RI) as heptachlor epoxide, an insecticide. Analytical findings from the RI indicated that heptachlor epoxide was present in three shallow monitoring wells at concentrations exceeding the North Carolina Water Quality Standard of 0.004 micrograms per liter (ug/L), but less than the Federal Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.2 ug/L. The same three wells were identified in the ROD for quarterly monitoring evaluation.

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Based upon this information, Site 24 will be eliminated from the OU 1 monitoring program effective as of January 1998. At this time, we would request your concurrence on the above mentioned Notice of Non-Significant Change.

Point of contact is Mr. Mick Senus, Installation Restoration Division, Environmental Management Department, at telephone (910) 451-5068.

Sincerely,



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By direction of
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Enclosure: 1. Groundwater Analytical Results, OU 1- Site 24, Pesticides

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