

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

**Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) #4
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 the Draft Final FOST #4 for approximately 42.9 acres of property at the former MCAS El Toro. The Draft Final FOST #4 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 and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action Complete Determination ("RCRA Determination") and RCRA Hazardous Waste Facility Boundary Modification ("RCRA Boundary Modification"). DTSC finds that the RCRA corrective action requirements for a portion of the FOST property, approximately 18.8 acres, have been completed through investigations and clean up actions; and proposes to exclude this property from the former MCAS El Toro RCRA hazardous waste facility property boundary. A summary of DTSC's proposed RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification has been included in the Draft Final FOST as a section of that document. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification.

Former 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 #4 documents that all necessary corrective action has been completed for approximately 18.8 acres of the 42.9 acres of property proposed for transfer by deed. The remaining 24.1 acres includes 6 underground storage tank sites that have on-going corrective action for petroleum releases and therefore, requires additional documentation in order to satisfy the corrective action requirements under RCRA. While the 24.1 acres are not included in DTSC's proposed RCRA Determination, they are proposed for transfer with restrictions in place. These restrictions will ensure post-transfer use of the property is protective of human health and the environment. Maps and detailed descriptions of the property proposed for transfer, as well as, information and a map pertaining to the proposed RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification are included in FOST #4. The National Priorities List boundary for former MCAS El Toro remains unchanged.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
November 22, 2008 through January 6, 2009

The public is encouraged to comment on the Draft Final FOST #4 and DTSC's proposed RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification for former MCAS El Toro during the 45-day public comment period. These documents are available for public review and comment at former MCAS El Toro and at the information repository for former MCAS El Toro.

To review copies of these and other associated documents at former MCAS El Toro, please call (949) 726-5398 to set up an appointment. The information repository is located at: Heritage Park Regional Library, 14361 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California, (949) 551-7151 (call for current hours).

Submitting Public Comments

Written comments on the Draft Final FOST #4 should be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by **January 6, 2009**, and submitted to:

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For more information on the Draft Final FOST #4, please call Ms. Debra Theroux at (619) 532-0919.

Written comments on the proposed RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification should be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by **January 6, 2009**, and submitted to:

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For more information on the RCRA Determination and RCRA Boundary Modification, please call Mr. Quang Than at (714) 484-5352. Also visit DTSC's EnviroStor website at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>