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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Camp Parks Real Property Master Plan and Real Property Exchange, Dublin, California (CEQ # 20090292)

Dear Mr. Houston:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provided comments to the United States Army (U.S. Army) on July 16, 2007. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) based on concerns to impacts to air quality in an ozone non-attainment area and a lack of impact assessment for increases in training exercises.

We appreciate the U.S. Army's attention to our comments, several of which are addressed in the FEIS. Most notably, additional mitigation measures have been identified to reduce air quality impacts associated with the implementation of the Proposed Action during the construction and operations phase. We recommend commitments to this mitigation be included in the Record of Decision (ROD). Additionally, because impacts from increased training are not fully evaluated, we recommend the ROD also include appropriate mitigation to ensure impacts from training exercises are minimized.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this document. We are available to discuss our comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521 or contact Jennifer Gagnon, the lead reviewer for this project, at (415) 947-4121 or Gagnon.Jennifer@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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