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From: Base Maintenance Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: Environmental Enhancement/Impact Review Board; meeting of

Ref: (a) AC/S FAC memo FAC/JGF/hf 5420/3 of 4 Aug 1982  
(b) AC/S FAC memo of 27 Jul 1982  
(c) BO 11000.1A  
(d) MCO 6280.5  
(e) BO 11015.6

1. As requested by references (a) and (b), the following comments are submitted. The PEAs for projects P-282, P-451, P-133, P-358, TAFDS Field Training Site (Marine Corps Air Station (H), New River) and TWSEAS Minor Construction Project (2d Marine Division) were not forwarded to Base Maintenance Division for formal review/comments which has been standing operating procedure for the past several years.

2. PEAs for projects identified in paragraph 2 i, j, and k of reference (b) have been reviewed by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs personnel for consistency with references (c) and (d) and the following comments are offered.

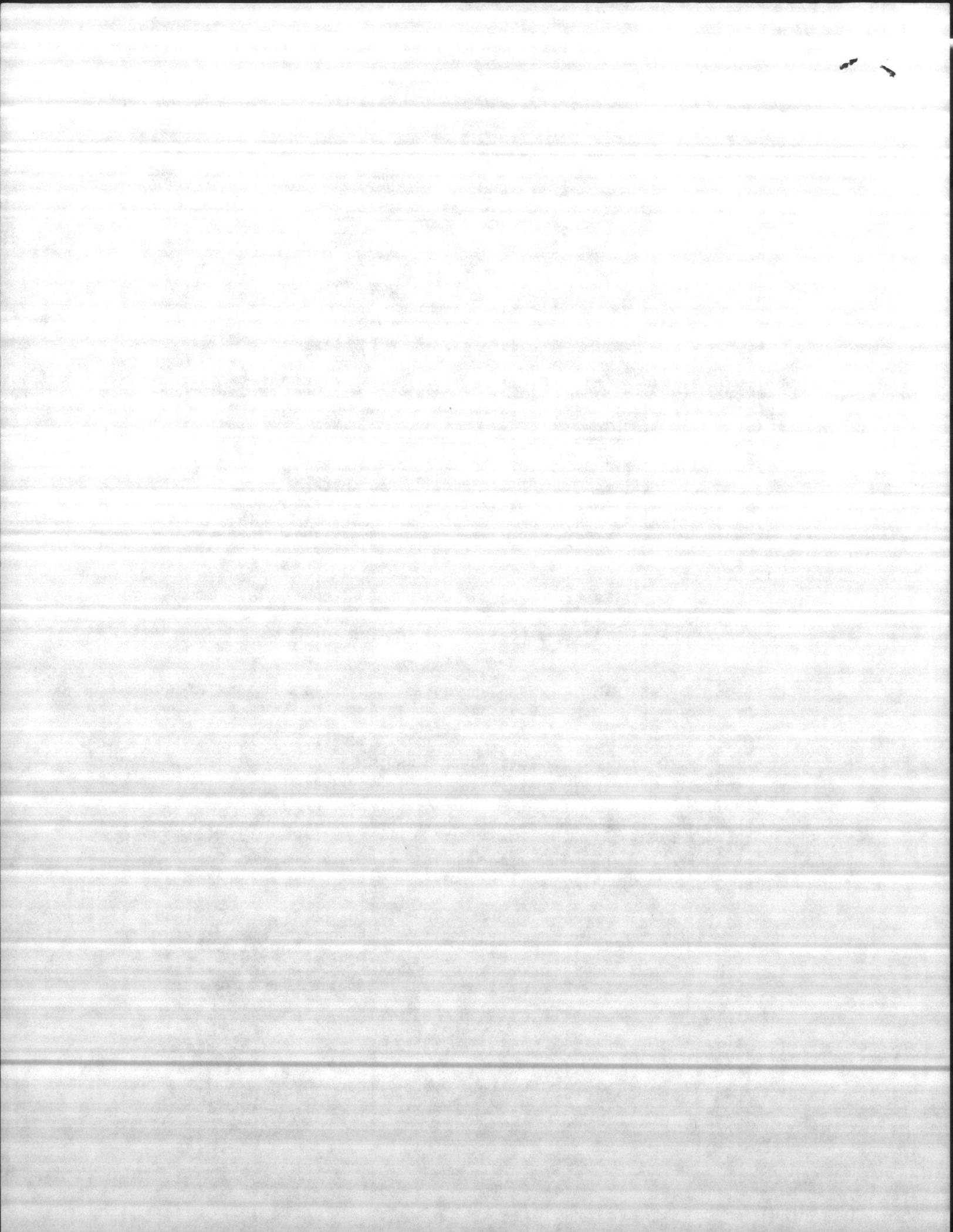
a. Combining the G-5/G-5A and G-6 Ranges into a single range for Tank, TOW and LVT firing (2d Marine Division) - No apparent environmental problem with the proposal if units abide by base red cockaded woodpecker guidelines contained in reference (e). Because of possible public controversy surrounding closing of Highway 172, the general public should be routinely made aware of training schedules requiring the closing of Highway 172.

b. Providing ground observation into the G-10 and K-2 impact areas by clearing excess trees in the buffer zone (2d Marine Division) - The attached map indicated red cockaded woodpecker habitat (including cavity trees) is within the proposed clearing zone. Formal consultation would be required.

(1) Large areas recommended for clearing in the K-2 and G-10 are protected wetlands. Clearing and grading should be coordinated with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

(2) Use of chemicals for clearing and maintenance on this scale may have adverse impact and possible public controversy.

(3) Red cockaded woodpeckers, protected wetlands and the use of chemicals to remove vegetation necessitate an environmental assessment which requires Headquarters Marine Corps concurrence under reference (d).



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c. Creation of a Tactical Driving Range for Mechanized Units (2d Marine Division)

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(1) It is estimated approximately 3,373 combined acres in the HA and HC areas of which approximately 1,800 acres are identified in forestry management as pine or pine hardwood forest. To conduct a timber harvest (thinning) would involve the removal of approximately 4½ million board feet of pine sawtimber and approximately 6,300 cords of pine pulpwood. A clearcut timber harvest would involve the removal of approximately twice as much timber products. Under ideal timber market and logging conditions, removal of the wood products would require several months. The current timber market is poor and the outlook for the next several months is also poor. Area sawmill companies are on a quota system with loggers operating only two or three days per week.

(2) The HA and HC areas are classified as wet due to soil types. If cleared and used as proposed, soil erosion and sedimentation will enter protected wetlands and state owned waters (i.e., Duck Creek, Goose Creek and New River). Engineering type structures to control soil erosion will be required as vegetative cover will not suffice. A coastal zone consistency statement will have to be filed with the state. Duck Creek, Goose Creek and New River waters and adjoining marsh and wetlands are inhabited by the endangered American Alligator which will require consultation ~~with~~ with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(3) The base Prefinal Archaeological and Historical Study of Camp Lejeune identified four historic and one archaeological sites in the HC and HA areas which are eligible for listing in the National Register. Three additional sites are identified in the report as significant enough to warrant protection until further study can be accomplished by the base. Reference (d) states, "any activity proposed which would affect historical or cultural sites either now cited on the National Register of Historical Places or deemed eligible for inclusion on the National Register *requires an environmental assessment,* mark them out

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