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23 Jul 1984

From: Supervisory Ecologist
To: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Division
Subj: CONSTRUCTION OF TRACKED VEHICLE TRAIL FROM RHODES POINT TO
TLZ CARDINAL; PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF
Ref: (a) Chairman, EIRB ltr 5420/2 FAC 18 Jul 1984
(b) SJA ltr 5800 CLO 5 Jul 1984
(c) Director, NREAD ltr 5200 NREAD 20 Jun 1984
(d) Director, NREAD ltr 11000/5 NREAD 20 Jun 1984
(e) MCO.P11000.8B

1. The subject Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) has been reviewed per your request and the following comments are provided. It should be noted that current base guidelines were not followed in the PEA format.
2. The title page of the subject PEA as provided by reference (a) is misleading. Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division (NREAD) has not prepared a PEA of the subject action. The subject document was not compiled by NREAD. NREAD comments incorporated into the subject document address only the section of new trail east of grid coordinates 802362.
3. Engineering support is recommended to design road bed, associated ditches and culverts, and erosion control structures. It should be noted that Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) opinion contained in reference (b) conflict with paragraph 2 of reference (c). Ref (c) is incorporated into the subject PEA. It is my opinion that submittal of a sediment control plan for the subject project to the State as discussed in reference (d) is required.
4. Provided that the sedimentation control requirements identified in reference (c) are satisfied, this project appears to meet the criteria contained in reference (e) for a categorically excluded action (i.e. submittal of an EA to Headquarters Marine Corps is not required).

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