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Dr. Garland Pardue
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Dear Dr. Pardue:

Please find enclosed a compact disc containing the Final Environmental Assessment for "Proposed Military Operations Areas in Eastern North Carolina". Also enclosed is a summary of the changes made to address your agencies comments and concerns in your letter of September 20, 2002, and as discussed during our meetings on February 11, 2003 and March 20, 2003.

The Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) will now review the document prior to final review and approval by the Commanding General. The official comment process is complete. Any additional information you may provide will become a part of the administrative record and should be received prior to July 30, 2003.

MCAS Cherry Point is committed to continuing the working relationship fostered during the development of this document. We welcome discussion on partnering opportunities to increase the knowledge of the potential impacts of noise on local natural resources and visitors to public lands.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robin Ferguson of the Environmental Affairs Department at (252) 466-5917.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. W. Radford".

G. W. RADFORD
Environmental Affairs Officer
By direction of the
Commanding General

Enclosure: 1. Environmental Assessment CD
2. Summary of Changes

Copy to:
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