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**Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the Proposed Military Construction and Total Force Integration at March Air Reserve Base, California and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact/No Practical Alternative (FONSI/FONPA)**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and, if possible, should be incorporated into the Final Environmental Assessment/Final FONSI/FONPA. However, in recognition of the fact that these comments are being sent after the close of the comment period specified by the lead agency, we request that at a minimum, these comments be included as part of the public record. The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura".

Susan Nakamura  
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**Localized Significance Thresholds**

1. SCAQMD staff requests that the lead agency evaluate the project's localized air quality impacts to ensure that nearby sensitive receptors or workers are not adversely impacted by construction or operational activities that would occur at the project site. SCAQMD staff notes that on page 3-38 through 3-40 of the Draft EA, the lead agency has identified sensitive receptors that are predominantly residences and commercial work sites. The SCAQMD's guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis is available at the following web address <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the lead agency's localized air quality analysis requested above demonstrates that any criteria pollutant exceeds SCAQMD's localized significance threshold the SCAQMD staff recommends, that, if feasible, the lead agency consider the mitigation measures found at the following website: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html) .