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LETTER FROM U S AIR FORCE REGARDING U S EPA REGION IV COMMENTS TO
INSPECTION FOR LONG RANGE DIOXIN CONTAMINATION NCBC GULFPORT MS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20332

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: LEEV

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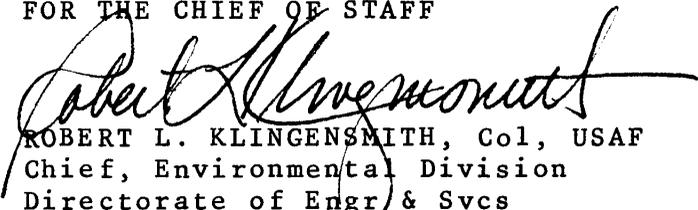
SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Dioxin Program

TO: NAVFAC, Code 112

1. The EPA has initiated a long-range program to (1) study the extent of dioxin contamination and the associated risks to humans and the environment, (2) implement necessary clean-up actions at contaminated sites, and (3) further evaluate regulatory alternatives to prevent future contamination as well as disposal alternatives to alleviate current problems.
2. As part of that effort, EPA Region IV recently conducted inspections at several locations including Gulfport Naval Construction Battallion Center (NCBC) and were especially impressed with the monitoring network.
3. Based on the inspections, they have provided the following observations and recommendations for Gulfport NCBC:
 - a. The area around the storage site should have improved fencing and posting. Fencing should be to secure the area from access.
 - b. Periodic surface water tests for dioxin in the drainage systems should be conducted using unfiltered samples.
 - c. Based on long-range research efforts to study detoxification techniques for dioxin, the disposal sites should eventually be remedied.
 - d. Emphasized that under the provisions of 40 CFR 775.190(b), any person wishing to dispose of wastes which contain 2,3,7,8-TCDD must notify the EPA Administrator, and the Regional Administrators in the regions where the materials would be disposed, 60 days prior to that intended disposal. That notice shall identify the site to be used for disposal as indicated on page 32687, FR Vol. 45, No. 98. The review will incorporate evaluations of potential sites and methods to be used, methods of analysis and any other relevant information.

4. The above information is provided for your consideration. Please advise HQ USAF/LEEV regarding your impression and planned response actions.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF


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