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LETTER REGARDING TRANSMITTAL OF REWORDED DRAFT LETTER OF AGREEMENT
NCBC GULFPORT MS
2/25/1985
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE ENGINEERING AND SERVICES CENTER
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL 32403

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CA

25 FEB 1985

SUBJECT: Draft Letter of Agreement

TO: Commander
Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC)
Gulfport MS 39501

1. Reference: Your draft Letter of Agreement presented to Capt Stoddart, HQ AFESC/RDVW, in your meeting on 21 Dec 84.
2. My staff has prepared a reworded draft Letter of Agreement (attached). The Air Force draft is substantially similar to the proposed Navy document. I directed my staff to alter certain sections of the document to better support our mission requirements.
3. I look forward to concluding a formal Interagency Services and Support Agreement with your organization. Should you require additional information on this topic, please contact Capt Stoddart, AUTOVON 970-2942.
4. Through the excellent relationship that exists between NCBC and the Air Force Engineering and Services Center, we should be able to resolve the complex problems associated with Herbicide Orange/dioxin contamination.


BERNARD C. MEREDITH, JR.
Technical Director

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Draft Letter of Agreement

cc: NCBC Code 470 w/Atch

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER
AND
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE ENGINEERING AND SERVICES CENTER
TYNDALL AFB FL 32403

1. The information contained in this letter, when endorsed by the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport MS, and Headquarters Air Force Engineering and Services Center (HQ AFESC), Tyndall AFB FL, shall constitute a formal Letter of Agreement between these two agencies concerning matters related to the former Herbicide Orange Storage site located at NCBC, Gulfport MS.

2. HQ AFESC will:

a. Request approval from NCBC Gulfport to conduct any activity (i.e., demonstration projects, new technology testing, site inspections, etc.) concerning the subject site. All approval requests must be accompanied by a full explanation of the work to be accomplished, a summary of any possible adverse effects, organization name, date of arrival, length of visit, personnel names, and social security numbers.

b. Provide schedule of events and milestone dates for future Air Force and contractor activities and update as necessary.

c. Provide an Air Force officer on site during proposed site demonstrations. Provide an Air Force officer on site at any other time as jointly agreed upon by the Air Force and NCBC.

d. Be responsible for the disposal of all hazardous or nonhazardous waste generated as a result of Air Force work on the subject site and ensure that all sites the Air Force is authorized to use are returned to original condition.

e. Fund all direct and indirect costs associated with monitoring, testing, and research activities on the subject site, including reimbursement for all NCBC labor, materials, and equipment expended in support of all matters related to the contaminated site.

f. Respond to news media inquiries made through the NCBC Public Affairs Office regarding Herbicide Orange. The HQ AFESC representative will coordinate any request for media interviews with NCBC Public Affairs, HQ AFESC Public Affairs, and HQ AFESC/RD.

g. Conduct no news media interviews at the Herbicide Orange site unless so requested by NCBC Public Affairs Office. HQ AFESC/PA will obtain concurrence from NCBC Public Affairs Office on all news releases resulting from media inquiries concerning the subject site.

h. Prepare regular news releases on future planned activity and programs concerning the subject site and submit to NCBC PAO two weeks in advance for concurrence prior to release.

i. Immediately inform NCBC of any significant developments involving the subject site.

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3. The NCBC will:

a. Provide support to the Air Force on a reimbursable basis as long as resources are available and the support does not interfere with accomplishment of the Navy's mission or endanger base personnel.

b. Provide basic security for the subject site on a daily basis to prevent unauthorized personnel from entering the area.

c. Coordinate with the Air Force any maintenance, repair, or improvement work on the base drainage structure that handles runoff from the subject site.

d. Coordinate all local news media inquiries and refer such requests to HQ AFESC. The NCBC Public Affairs Office will release preapproved written press releases without need for additional comments.

e. Immediately inform the Air Force of any significant developments involving the subject site.

4. This Letter of Agreement will be reviewed annually during the anniversary month.