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LETTER FROM U S NAVY REGARDING REMEDIAL ACTION FOR DIOXIN CONTAMINATION
SITE 8 NCBC GULFPORT MS
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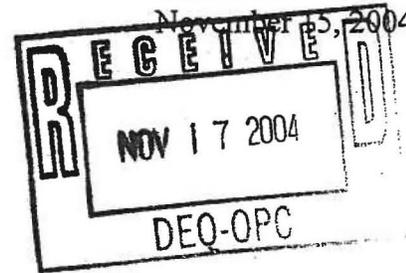


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Subj: REMEDIAL ACTION FOR DIOXIN CONTAMINATION FROM SITE 8, NCBC
GULFPORT, MS

We thank you for responding to our concerns and for your clarifications of the Brownfields Program. It is our intention to proceed with the CERCLA cleanup at Site 8 and all associated areas of concern and to remain in the Brownfields Program. Contamination above residential levels will very likely be left behind requiring land use controls that can be instituted via the Brownfields Program. Our delineation and CERCLA cleanup plan is to remove contamination only to within restricted values that would still require some remedial efforts if we were not to remain in Brownfields. As we previously indicated, once we complete the CERCLA cleanup, we will revise and resubmit all the necessary documentation for the Brownfields Program. Please note that public participation has previously been addressed for Site 8 and associated areas of concern (including the Brownfields area) following the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan presented in early 2002. The RAB and community members are very aware of our remedial plans for the area. We understand that this will need to be revisited to satisfy the Brownfields requirements.

Sincerely,

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