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LETTER REGARDING COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ALONG 28TH STREET  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Honorable Frances Fredericks  
Mississippi House of Representatives  
P. O. Box 1018  
Jackson, MS 39215-1018

Dear Mrs. Fredericks:

Thank you for your call today expressing your interest in the concerns of our neighbors in Ladner Homes.

The recent environmental cleanup that we completed along 28th Street in Gulfport was accomplished in strict compliance with a plan approved by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ). The federal EPA limit for dioxin is one part per billion and all contamination found was below this limit. However, we removed all sediments in the CBC outfalls along 28th Street where dioxin was detected in levels as low as 4.7 parts per trillion in compliance with MSDEQ established limits.

Over 50 samples were taken along the right-of-way north and south of 28th Street, and west to the canal along Canal Road. Additional samples were taken a quarter mile north in the canal. We felt that this number of samples would adequately characterize the contamination present. Approximately 315 cubic yards of soil and sediment were removed and placed in a storage facility on the Naval Construction Battalion Center. This storage was also in strict compliance with a MSDEQ approved plan. Subsequent sampling confirmed that the remaining soil and sediment in the excavated areas were below the MSDEQ's action level of 4.7 parts per trillion.

We continually strive to share information with the community through the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), environmental fact sheets, and personal contacts. As a matter of fact, the Center's RAB hosted an Environmental Open House at the 28th Street Elementary School last Thursday, January 11, to promote this type of exchange. I have enclosed brochures and flyers which show our commitment to the RAB.

I am very interested in the concerns of our neighbors and encourage them to attend the February 1st RAB meeting. If you would provide me names of those concerned, I will have my staff contact them and assist them in meeting and discussing their concerns with the RAB.

Sincerely,

F. P. DiGEORGE, III  
Captain, CEC, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

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The Honorable James C. Simpson, Jr.  
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