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CONTAMINATION AT NCBC GULFPORT MS  
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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport  
To: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (FAC 40E1)

Subj: NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL ISSUE PAPER S-27 DIOXIN CONTAMINATION  
AT CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER (CBC) GULFPORT

Ref: (a) NAVFAC ltr 960245/40E1 dtd 02 Oct 96  
(b) Mississippi Administrative Order No. 3193-96 Directing Clean-up of On- and  
Off-Base Dioxin and Other Contaminants

Encl: (1) Navy's draft Agreed Order No. 3193-96  
(2) MSDEQ comments to proposed Agreed Order No. 3193-96

1. In response to reference (a), CBC Gulfport and SOUTHNAVFACENGCOM have coordinated and pursued an aggressive approach to meet the requirements of the Administrative Order. Some of the dates and certain language in the original Unilateral Order were not in the Navy's best interest and have been renegotiated with the State. Enclosure (1) is a draft Agreed Order prepared by the Navy and accepted with comments (enclosure (2)) by the State of Mississippi.

2. The following is the status of each action item in the Administrative Order:

a. ON-SITE DELINEATION: Order required a workplan to be delivered to the State by 1 May 96; this date was met. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ) commented on the plan 17 June 96. MSDEQ's comments were addressed and incorporated into the final workplan dated September 1996. Funding has been requested to implement the delineation activities in the work plan and is in the Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA) Execution Plan for January 97. Development of an on-site remediation plan is in the May 97 DERA Execution Plan.

b. OFF-SITE DELINEATION: Status of this workplan is the same as 2.a. above. The approved delineation activities are in the DERA Execution Plan for January 97. Development of an Off-Site remediation plan is in the September 97 DERA Execution Plan.

c. INTERIM CORRECTIVE MEASURES PLAN: Status of this workplan is the same as 2.a. and 2.b. above. Corrective measures activities approved in the workplan are in the January 97 DERA Execution Plan.

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d. HUMAN HEALTH EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT: Interviews to assemble information for the assessment took place over a six week period during September and October 1996. Over 800 interviews were completed in the neighborhoods surrounding CBC. The information collected is being reviewed and will be presented in a report form. This report is due to the State on or before 15 January 97 and we expect to meet this date.

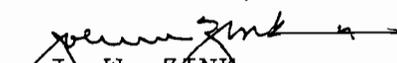
e. BIOLOGICAL MONITORING: The Agreed Order proposes to modify the schedule of this plan. The Navy proposes that this plan be presented to the State 60 days after the State comments on the Human Health Exposure Assessment, which is due on or before 15 January 97. The contract to develop this work plan has been awarded.

f. GROUNDWATER MONITORING: This workplan has been written and is presently undergoing in-house review by the Navy's CLEAN contractor. Release to the Navy should occur during the first week in November 1996 and be forwarded to the State by 15 November 1996. This schedule meets the dates renegotiated with MSDEQ.

g. REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY: Deleted from Agreed Order.

h. STATUS REPORTING: This Order requires quarterly reporting by the Navy that summarizes the status of all ongoing activities under this Order. The next quarterly report to the State is due 1 January 97.

3. The point of contact for additional information is Mr. Gordon Crane (Code 17.32) at (601) 871-2485 or DSN 868-2485.

  
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By Direction