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LETTER REGARDING REGULATORY CONCERNS ABOUT WORK PLAN FOR  
INVESTIGATION OF OFF BASE AREAS OF CONCERN NCBC GULFPORT MS  
8/28/2009  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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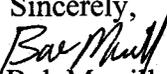
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Re: Work Plan for Investigation of Off-Base Areas of Concern, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Mississippi, Draft, May 2009.

The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control (OPC) has reviewed the above referenced document addressing requests for additional sampling of off base areas of concern defined in the 12 July 2007 correspondence from Jerry Banks (Division Chief, Groundwater Assessment and Remediation Division of MDEQ). It has been noted that the work plan does not address Area of Concern (AOC) 1, the alleged buried Herbicide Orange (HO) drum site located near the present landfill located on the east side Canal Road. The 12 July 2007 correspondence clearly described the location and disposition of the area as reported to OPC by an eye witness to the disposal of drums marked as HO. The correspondence requested that an electromagnetic (or other pertinent screening tool for metallic debris) survey be conducted in this area in order to demonstrate the absence (or indicate the presence) of buried HO drums. This portion of the investigation should be added to the work plan. OPC looks forward to receipt of the report of findings for this investigation.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
  
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cc. Bart Reedy, USEPA