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13 February 2002

Mr. Rodger Jackson
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Code EV23RJ
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RE: Steve G. Martin's Letter, Fish Tissue Analysis for Dioxin at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina, Operable Units (OU) 4 and 13, Dated January 18, 2002.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In consultation with the MCAS-Cherry Point Partnering Team the following is offered to allow OU-4 and OU-13 RI Reports to move forward towards approval:

After further review of the dioxin issue, North Carolina having reviewed the existing data, newly discovered data, and in conference with Dr. Lou Ann Williams (Toxicologist with NC DHHS-Division of Public Health) has determined that sampling for dioxins is not required at this time (sediment and fish tissue sampling). NCDENR reserves the right to raise the issue or require dioxin sampling at a future date if deemed necessary.

This determination is based on these and other considerations:

1. A source for Dioxin at these two Operable Units is not well documented.
2. Previous fish tissue samples from fish taken near MCAS-Cherry Point show Dioxin levels at 1/10 the action level of 3 ppt.
3. The one hit of Dioxin in a sediment sample falls within the EPA proposed background levels for the United States of America.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 919-733-2801 ext. 340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Lane', written over a horizontal line.

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