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and Disease Registry
Atlanta GA 30333

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Commander, Naval Base Norfolk
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Dear Commander:

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is confirming our stoppage of work on initiating our public health assessment for Naval Base Norfolk (also referred to as Sewells Point Naval Complex). We had originally scheduled to initiate the assessment with a visit scheduled for June 16-20, 1997 with Mr. Tim Reisch, COMNAVBASE, of your staff. Consequently, we notified Mr. Reisch of our cancellation via telephone on June 9.

We regret canceling our visit but there was a short fall in the funds ATSDR requested from the Department of Navy. We anticipate that ATSDR staff will be able to re-initiate the public health assessment in fiscal year 1998. In the meantime, if you or your staff identify any urgent public health issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 639-6001.

I thank you and your staff for the cooperation and assistance provided during the short time we worked together.

Sincerely yours,

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