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RELATIONS INTERVIEW NOTES NAS CECIL FIELD FL  
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Re: Naval Air Station Cecil Field Community Relations  
Interview Notes

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed are review comments of Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field's community relations interview notes submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV, September 4, 1990. This letter and the enclosed comments serve to address our concerns regarding the interview process and the importance of this process to the Community Relations Plan developed for NAS Cecil Field.

The interview notes indicate the interview process was deficient in areas which are requisite to completing the Community Relations Plan required by the Federal Facility Agreement. In particular, we find the following items to be areas of concern:

- 1) The number of residents and non-residents of NAS Cecil Field interviewed is lower than is acceptable;
- 2) The number of civic groups or neighborhood organizations interviewed is lower than is acceptable; and
- 3) Follow-up included within the interview process was incomplete.

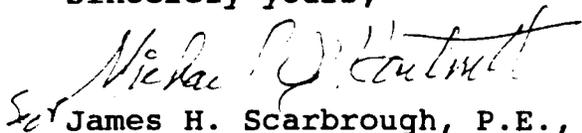
The community interviews play a major role in the creation of the Community Relations Plan. The Community Relations Plan's intent is to address concerns and issues of the local community. For it to do so, it must be based upon an interview process which has accurately defined local concerns and issues.

With the above items deficient in the NAS Cecil Field interviews, it is EPA's belief that local concerns and issues have not been adequately addressed. Therefore, the items identified above and on the attached page must be corrected and/or completed before the NAS Cecil Field Community Relations Plan may be approved for final. For assistance in correcting these items, enclosed is EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directive #9230.0-15.

The draft final of the Community Relations Plan is due 60 calendar days from receipt of the draft document review comments. To ensure appropriate community relations interviews are undertaken for the draft final, a statement of work to be performed in the interview process should be submitted to Region IV for our review. This statement of work should be submitted at least two weeks prior to undertaking the interviews. Submitting such a workplan will help ensure the draft final Community Relations Plan is based on appropriate interviews and approved for final.

If you have any questions or would like to meet regarding this matter, please contact Nancy Dean or Rose Anne Rudd at (404) 347-3016.

Sincerely yours,



For James H. Scarbrough, P.E., Chief  
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Enclosures

cc: Bert Byers, NAS Cecil Field  
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- 1) Only one resident of NAS Cecil Field on-base housing was interviewed. At a minimum, five to ten on-base residents should be interviewed.
- 2) Only one off-base resident/citizen was interviewed. A minimum of five to ten residents, with no affiliation to NAS Cecil Field, should be interviewed.
- 3) The a) city official and b) agency contacts are adequate. However, there is no indication that community relations personnel completed follow-up and contacted the persons recommended by the city.
- 4) The follow-up with citizens and employees was not consistent with the follow-up provided to the State agency staff. If citizens desire a copy of the community relations plan, NAS Cecil Field should agree to provide them with a copy after informing them of its availability in the repository.
- 5) A grassroots organization representative was interviewed, and this may be adequate if it is the only active group in the area. If there are any local chapters of public interest groups in the area, however, they must also be interviewed.
- 6) No local civic groups or neighborhood associations were interviewed.