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LETTER FROM U S NAVY REGARDING RECOMMENDATION OF FIELD SAMPLING AND
LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL AND GROUNDWATER
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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Sam Heaton, AFLC/DSTMT/LOS/LOT, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Subj: Herbicide Orange

Ref: (a) Our PHONECON 9/22/76

1. This memorandum is in furtherance of matters discussed in reference (a).
2. There is continuing concern at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in the matter of residual contamination of soils at the storage site for Herbicide Orange. In the past five years there has been leakage, which although kept at a minimum by continual surveillance, nevertheless has contaminated areas of the soil cement base on which the drums rest. We understand that there has been a frequent monitoring of the effects of this spillage on plant, animal and aquatic life in the vicinity of the storage site, with little or no discernible effects.
3. As you are aware, the Navy intends to utilize the current storage site for the construction of a relatively large maintenance facility in the near future. The concern here is that either during the construction, or at some future date, the contaminated soil might become the object of sufficient public concern that it may have to be removed or treated in some manner that would disrupt the construction, or even require the removal, of the facility. In order to preclude this unwanted event, it would appear prudent for us to know to the best of our ability the precise locations of the contaminated soil, the degree of presence of residual dioxins, and a forecast of the periods that the contaminates could remain dangerous to water supply if left in place.
4. We recommend that your organization initiate field samples and laboratory analyses to make these or other appropriate determinations of residual toxicity. We can provide the current site planning of the proposed construction.

Respectfully,

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