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LETTER REGARDING CONCERN FOR DISPOSITION PROCESSING OF HERBICIDE  
ORANGE NCBC GULFPORT MS  
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MISSISSIPPI AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

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December 21, 1976

Captain J.T. Taylor, Commanding Officer  
Naval Construction Battalion Center - Bldg. 320  
Gulfport, MS 39501

Dear Captain Taylor:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of this date. You are hereby notified that the State of Mississippi requires that the Herbicide Orange now stored at your base must be removed from the state or placed in a condition of harmlessness.

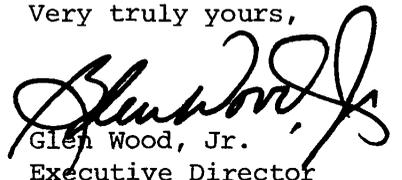
As you are aware, there has been much discussion between us and various elements of the federal government about this matter, but we are not satisfied at all with the progress and have no assurance that this substance will be removed from our state or detoxified.

For your information, we have informed the Environmental Protection Agency of this action with you. I feel certain they stand ready to advise and assist you in this matter.

We need to see the plan for removal or detoxification, together with schedule of events with the least practical delay, but not later than January 7, 1977. We, of course, will review this plan to assure it is not in violation of state law. We will be interested in your plans for in process inspection surveillance of the procedures that will govern this operation.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and others of your group tomorrow as discussed on the telephone so that there could be no misunderstanding of this matter. I very much appreciate the serious attention you will give to this most important matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Glen Wood, Jr.  
Executive Director

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