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LETTER REGARDING ALTERATIONS TO THE DE-DRUMMING FACILITY AND DRUM RINSING FACILITY FOR HERBICIDE ORANGE NCBC GULFPORT MS
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TO RUEBUAB/DLA DPDS BATTLECREEK MI/DPDS MC
RUEBHNA/NOS INDIAN HEAD MD/WR21
INFO RUEBDSA/DLA CAMERON STATION VA/DLAH SM
RUCLBIA/NCBC GULFPORT MS/12.1
RUVKAAA/SA-ALC KELLY AFB TX/DSF/DST/DSD
RUEFHQA/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC/LGYP
RUWTMAA/USAF OEHL BROOKS AFB TX
RUVKAAA/OLAA USAF OEHL KELLY AFB TX
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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING OF HERBICIDE ORANGE
THIS MSG IN TWO PARTS.
PART I FOR DLA DPDS-MC.
1. TAFLC/LOTMT MESSAGE 151430Z AUG 76 ADDRESSED THE POSSIBLE USE BY AGENT CHEMICAL INC (ACI) OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED DE-DRUMMING FACILITIES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT. THIS WAS ALSO ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE PENTAGON MEETING, 11-12 JAN 1977.
2. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND DISCUSSIONS WITH ACI HAVE NOT YET

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RESOLVED IF ACI INTENDS TO USE THESE FACILITIES, TO PERMIT A RESPONSE TO OUR MESSAGE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE FACILITY AT NCBC MUST BE MODIFIED AT AN EARLY DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
A. FOR USE IN RE-DRUMMING PRESENT AND FUTURE LEAKING DRUMS ON AN EXTENSIVE BASIS ON AND AFTER 1 MARCH 1977 UNTIL REPROCESSING MAY COMMENCE.
B. FOR USE IN DE-DRUMMING FOR INCINERATION AT SEA SHOULD REPROCESSING BE ABANDONED FOR ANY REASON.
C. IN VIEW OF THE EPA APPROVAL (JUNE 1976) OF THE AIR FORCE-AMENDED DRUM RINSE PROCEDURE, IT APPEARS THAT ACI MAY BE REQUIRED TO USE AT LEAST PART IF NOT ALL OF THE FACILITY.
PART II FOR NOS/WR21.
1. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION TO MODIFY THE NCBC FACILITY TO PROVIDE RIGID WEATHERPROOF SIDE PANELS SO THAT ALL AIR FLOW DURING DE-DRUMMING/RE-DRUMMING WILL BE EVACUATED THROUGH THE EXISTING AIR FILTER SYSTEM. ALSO PROVIDE FLAPS OR DOORS FOR DRUM ENTRY/EXIT AND INSTALL THE AIR CONDITIONERS AND HEATERS. IN ADDITION, THE SPRAY RINSE PIPING WHICH HAS BEEN IMMERSED IN THE SUMP RAIN WATER NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED FOR PRESSURE LEAKS FROM RUSTING AND SHOULD RECEIVE EXTENSIVE CORROSION TREATMENT, AND/OR REPLACEMENT.

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2.TAS DISCUSSED IN THE TELECON, 18 JAN 1977, BETWEEN MR. T. SULLIVAN, NOS/WR21, AND MR. S. HEATON, AFLC/LOTMT, THE REQUIREMENT TO MODIFY THE SUMP TO SEPERATE THE HERBICIDE AND DRUM RINSE MATERIALS SHOULD BE EXPLORED WITH COLONEL G. TAYLOR AND/OR MAJOR J. THEMBLAY, OEHL KELLY AFB TX. IF ACI CAN SPRAY RINSE THE DRUMS IN BATCH (182 DRUMS) INCREMENTS SEPARATELY FROM THE BATCH (182 DRUMS) DE-DRUMMING FOR REPROCESSING, THIS WOULD OBVIATE THE NEED FOR SUMP MODIFICATION.
3. REQUEST YOU ADVISE:
A. IF THE MODIFICATION REQUESTED IN PARA ONE ABOVE CAN BE READY FOR USE BY 1 MARCH 1977.
B. IF THE SUMP MODIFICATION IS NEEDED AND WHETHER IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE SAME TIME WITHOUT DELAY TO THE 1 MARCH 1977 REQUESTED COMPLETION DATE.
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