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NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI 39501-5000

IN REPLY REFER TO

31 May 1985

The Honorable Gerald Blessey
Mayor of Biloxi
P. O. Box 429
Biloxi, MS 39530

Dear Mayor Blessey:

As you know, the U. S. Air Force stored Herbicide Orange on the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport between 1968 and 1977. Unfortunately, as a result of leakage, the 12 acre site (in the center of the base) on which it was located is now contaminated and must be restored. The Air Force is embarking on a program to determine the best and safest method to conduct that site restoration, and has prepared a briefing which covers both the history and background of the situation, as well as plans for the demonstration of two environmental restoration technologies beginning next month. It is an informative brief and should be of interest to community and civic leaders in the local area.

It will be our pleasure to host the Air Force presentation, and cordially extend a personal invitation to you to attend. This executive briefing will be presented at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 1985, in the CBC Headquarters Conference Room, second floor, Building 60. Following the presentation, there will be a brief visit to the former Herbicide Orange storage site on the base to view the demonstration in operation. The briefing and site visit should not take more than one hour. Attendance is limited to the Mayors of Gulfport, Long Beach, and Biloxi; Chamber of Commerce presidents from those cities; the President of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors; and local Congressional liaison staff. Please let my secretary, Mrs. Mary Schilling, know whether you plan to attend, and which gate you will enter the Center so that appropriate arrangements can be made. She can be contacted at 865-2201.

We sincerely hope you can be with us next Wednesday for this briefing and site visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. M. MASKELL
Captain, CEC, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer