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LETTER FROM U S NAVY REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF CONTAMINANT DRAINAGE SYSTEM DISPOSITION NCBC GULFPORT MS
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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport
To: Headquarters, Air Force Engineering Services Center/CC,
Attn: COL Robert G. Gilbert, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL 32403

Subj: HERBICIDE ORANGE

Ref: (a) USAF Occupational and Environmental Health Laboratory ltr of 18 Dec 85

1. In 1985 the United States Air Force Occupational and Environmental Health Laboratory (OEHL) conducted a comprehensive survey of the drainage system located on, and downstream from, the former Herbicide Orange Storage Area located at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. As stated in reference (a), the Air Force feels that although extremely low levels of Dioxin were detected in the base drainage system, none of the sample results were high enough to be of any concern. However, the OEHL did recommend to Air Force Engineering Services Center/DEV (AFESC/DEV) that the existing filtration system be maintained to ensure the former storage site does not contaminate the base drainage system in the future.

2. We are concerned about the existing filtration system and its ability to restrict contaminants from the former storage site before, during, and after the upcoming full scale test. We feel the existing system may not be able to handle a heavy storm surge and could result in contaminants leaving the test site.

3. Request AFESC/DEV conduct an assessment of the existing filtration system and determine its adequacy. If the existing system is adequate, request repairs be initiated, as recommended by reference (a), prior to the full scale test.

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