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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORDS REGARDING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE FORMER  
HERBICIDE ORANGE STORAGE SITE 8 NCBC GULFPORT MS  
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MEMO FOR RECORD

13 May 86

Subject: New Developments at the Former Herbicide Orange Storage Site, NCBC, Gulfport [RDV (Capt Stoddart); DEVP (Capt Foth)]

TO: DEV  
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1. In preparation for the recent NCBC R&D status briefing by RDV to MGen Ellis and Read Adm Jones, we obtained a slide from the Navy showing what the Herbicide Orange storage site looked like prior to removal of drums. At first glance, the slide appeared to show the current site. However, after the briefing, a closer look revealed additional barrels outside the storage area (herein referred to as area A) as we knew it. The slide was then enlarged into a print. From this print, one could interpret that the new area (area B) had nearly four times the number of barrels of area A. The barrels in area B appear to be shiny and new. We assume that they were on site only a short time, because subsequent photos do not show them. However, we do not have any substantial evidence to ascertain exactly when or how long these barrels were at NCBC. This revelation may or may not have significant bearing on planned and future activities at NCBC.
2. Several phone conversations and meetings between DEV, RDV, LEEVP, and the working level at NCBC (Mr Jim Cluff and Mr Gary Horman) have taken place during the last few days to assess the situation and to develop a strategy to minimize the impact on existing projects, and to determine how to address "area B."
3. Based on the discussions held, a nearly unanimous strategy is to continue with all projects as planned for area A. This would include constructing a fence around area A, decontaminating vehicles on area A, and removing them off-site, repairing and constructing new filters to trap the residual contamination located in and/or coming from area A, and to continue as planned with the large-scale R&D incineration project. We will also continue with the phase II IRP report.
4. Since the contamination level of area B is not known, we intend to do more testing in area B to confirm and quantify contamination. This will be done through the R&D sampling and analysis contract with funding either by DEV or LEEVP. Estimated cost of additional sampling is 300K.
5. It is anticipated that by Dec 86 enough data will be available to reach a decision on further action, if needed. Depending on extent of contamination, we may be able to decontaminate any additional hot spots and close out the issue, or area B may require further assessment which would be addressed through the formal IRP process.
6. In light of the above, you can see we have a delicate, but entirely manageable situation. As of this date, only DEV, RDV, PA, LEEVP, and Mr Jim Cluff and Mr Gary Horman at NCBC are aware of the situation.

7. On 15 May at 1400, issues will be discussed with Mr Gary Horman, Director, Planning Division, NCBC. He has already basically concurred with our strategy. We will ask him to inform his commander of the situation and of the actions we're taking. Capt Terry Stoddart (RDV) and Capt Foth (DEVP) will meet with Mr Horman. In short, we will progress as planned and expand as needed after sampling data is assessed. At this point we see no problems unless it somehow riles the Navy hierarchy. AFESC/PA is working the public affairs side.

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