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LETTER REGARDING FIRST ENDORSEMENT FOR HERBICIDE ORANGE AREA
RECLAMATION NCBC GULFPORT MS

4/12/1991
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From: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
To: Deputy Director, Directorate of Engineering and Services, HQ/USAF,
Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. 20332-5000
Subj: HERBICIDE ORANGE SITE AT NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER,
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

1. We ask your assistance in bringing the project that started in 1986 at NCBC Gulfport, and was acclaimed to be a very innovative research and development initiative, to a successful conclusion. We all recognize the importance of maintaining an environmentally sound atmosphere, and the dispute as to whether the ash stored at NCBC Gulfport is either clean of contaminants or is still considered a hazardous waste jeopardizes our ability to maintain a clean environment. Further, we understand both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality are beginning to force the issue. An unfavorable conclusion on their part could subject us to a Notice of Violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

2. Moving forward with this situation is of paramount importance. We are actively pursuing a joint working meeting with your staff to determine the best course of action and we request your full support. The commitment made to the Navy in 1979 to return the former herbicide orange storage area to full and beneficial use has, unfortunately, still not come to fruition. My point of contact is Mr. Will Lintner, who can be reached at (703) 325-8532.

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