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LETTER REGARDING MIGRATION OF DIOXIN CONTAMINATED SOIL, SURFACE WATER,
AND GROUNDWATER NCBC GULFPORT MS

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Mr. Jerry Banks/Mr. Phillip Weathersby
Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control
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Dear Mr. Banks:

In December 1994 the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport performed base-wide sampling at various sites to examine groundwater, surface water, and sediments. In late February 1995, preliminary data suggested the possibility of the migration of dioxin contaminated soil from the former herbicide storage area. Some contamination was found in the storm drainage system near the north perimeter fence, which is adjacent to 28th Street in the City of Gulfport. Follow-up sampling was performed on March 2, and the results of the samples provided us on March 10 confirm that low levels of dioxin material have been deposited in the sediment immediately inside and beyond the Navy's property line.

Sampling of the outfall under discussion here revealed off-base contamination ranging from 12 parts per trillion (ppt) to 115 ppt, and .019 ppt to 150 ppt aboard CBC. I met with City and County representatives today to inform them of these findings and the potential impact on planned construction along the 28th Street corridor. In addition, I will work closely with our newly forming Restoration Advisory Board, officials in the local community, and the media to keep all informed on the problem and cleanup plans.

I am committed to aggressively defining the scope of this contamination and pursuing remediation. Your support in developing and approving such plans to ensure swift remediation is appreciated. My point of contact is Mr. Gordon Crane at (601) 871-2485.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. P. DiGeorge, III", written over a horizontal line.

F. P. DiGEORGE, III

Captain, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy
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