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LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGARDING  
DIOXIN GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION AS ADDENDUM TO GROUNDWATER LONG-  
TERM MONITORING PLAN SITE 7 NCBC GULFPORT MS

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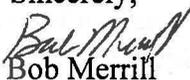
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Re: Site 7 Dioxin Groundwater Investigation, Addendum to Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, Final, February 2001.

The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control (OPC) has reviewed the above referenced document. The primary goal of this investigation was to characterize dioxin contamination in groundwater underlying Site 7. Although dioxin concentrations (TEQ values) were below MCLs, data gaps exist for areas located downgradient of the site as stated in the Conclusions section on page 5 (paragraph 1). OPC concurs with the recommendation given on page 5 that an expanded site investigation be conducted to fill the data gaps apparent from the dioxin investigation and characterize methylene chloride contamination reported at concentrations ranging between 50 ppb and 5,200 ppb in groundwater samples. These recommendations are in keeping with recommendations described in the comment letter forwarded by OPC on 12 September 2001 regarding the draft (July 2000) document. The document (February 2001 release) is therefore approved as final.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
  
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cc. James Barksdale, USEPA