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LETTER AND CONCURRENCE FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REGARDING DRAFT PHASE II PILOT SCALE SOIL AND SEDIMENT
TREATABILITY STUDY REPORT SITE 8 NCBC GULFPORT MS
7/12/2002
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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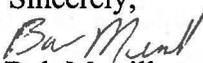
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Re: Draft Phase II Pilot-Scale Soil/Sediment Treatability Study Report for Site 8, Herbicide Orange Study Area, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, MS, May 2002.

The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control (OPC) has reviewed the above referenced document. The document adequately describes confirmatory sampling after excavation of dioxin contaminated soil from the "Edwards Property" (Area 2). The document does not describe soil treatment at Site 8 or the disposition of the soil after excavation as the title implies. Either the title should be changed to limit the scope of interest to excavation and confirmatory sampling within the described off base area, or a section concerning the destination and treatment of excavated material should be included in the report.

It is noted that the highest TCDD TEQ was 6.12 ppt, and that 4 of the 16 samples slightly exceeded the 4.26 ppt non-restricted soil screening level used by OPC (TRG Table on OPC Website). All values were below the 15 ppt (laboratory limitations) Remedial Goal for off base sediments in Area 2 (Edwards Property) as described in the Remedial Plan (submitted in November 2001). OPC therefore concurs that these concentrations appear to be below the regulatory threshold as stated in the Conclusions Section (page 3-1) of the report.

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

Sincerely,

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