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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGARDING PRELIMINARY REVIEWS OF SITES 4 AND 5 NCBC GULFPORT MS
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CHARLES H. CHISOLM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

5 March 2007

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Attention Lloyd Inmon
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Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Sites 4 and 5, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, MS.

Dear Mr. Inmon,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of recent activities and documentation concerning two sites at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport that may fall into your area of interest as a Natural Resource Trustee (Stakeholder under CERCLA). MDEQ recently reviewed Site 4 (Golf Course Landfill) and conducted a preliminary review of Site 5 (Heavy Equipment Training Area). The comment letter for Site 4 is attached. Similar concerns were noted during an initial review of Site 5. In this comment letter (comment number 22) the base was informed that certain natural resource trustees should be contacted to determine if they should be involved (as Stakeholders) in the review/restoration process for these sites. The reason is that these sites comprise significant upstream drainage areas of an off base stream system (Turkey Creek). Canal 1 leaves the base through Outfall 1 that subsequently enters the off base swamp area and Turkey Creek. Canal 1 is about ten feet wide and 3 feet deep in the area that flows through Site 4.

You participated in the investigation/review of the off base swamp area as an adjunct Tier 1 Partnering Team Member. The base has agreed (including consensus reached at a recent Tier 1 Meeting held 7 February 2007) that copies of the next Draft Remedial Investigation (including a screening level ecological risk assessment and baseline human health risk assessment) for Sites 4 and 5 would be sent to you, Julie Corkran (EPA) and Michel Gielazyn (NOAA) for review. EPA will also be involved in the review process for these sites, but may not participate on Tier 1. A March-April time frame is anticipated for release of these documents. If these sites are of interest to you as a potential Stakeholder and you wish to be involved in the Tier 1 Partnering process or if you need more information (maps, etc.) please contact the base at your earliest convenience, as a close schedule must be followed in order to achieve planned milestones for the remedial process during year 2007. Conversely, if you feel that those presently involved in the review process will satisfy the interests of U.S fish and Wildlife as well, and you determine that your participation will not be necessary, please advise concerned parties at your earliest convenience.

A Tier 1 Partnering Meeting is planned for 2 May 2007. Primary contacts for the NCBC Environmental Restoration Program are listed below.

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

Sincerely,

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