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LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGARDING  
ADDITIONAL DIOXIN INVESTIGATION AT SUSPECTED CULVERT NEAR FIFTY-FIFTH  
AVENUE NCBC GULFPORT MS  
9/11/2007  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
TRUDY D. FISHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 11, 2007

**Mr. Art Conrad  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Southern Division  
2155 Eagle Drive  
P.O. Box 190010  
North Charleston, SC 29419-9010**

**RE: Culvert near 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Dear Mr. Conrad:**

**It has been brought to the attention of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality that a culvert has been located near 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as I understand, that appears to go under 28<sup>th</sup> Street to the north and may require additional investigation by the Navy for dioxin and other contaminants. Please submit to the Department a map indicating the location of this culvert and any existing information on contaminant concentrations along 28<sup>th</sup> Street on the immediate north and south side of the street at this culvert. If this culvert does not exist then the above information is not required only a response that the culvert does not exist.**

**If this culvert does exist, I request that the Navy conduct additional investigations into the possible existence of other past culverts that may have passed under 28<sup>th</sup> Street carrying any contamination from the base off-site to the north through the residential area and eventually into Turkey Creek. Also, sampling of the drainage pathway leading from this culvert north will be required.**

**The Department had previously understood that all drainage pathways off the base had been identified and investigated and it is crucial that we assure that "all" drainage pathways going off the base back to the 1960's are identified and investigated. A response regarding this matter is requested by September 28, 2007. If you would like to meet to discuss this matter further please contact Phillip Weathersby or myself as soon as possible.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry B. Banks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Jerry B. Banks, P.E., BCEE**  
**Chief, Groundwater Assessment & Remediation Division**

**cc: Gordon Crane**