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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR ENTEK AND IT CORPORATION LABORATORY REPORTS
COVERING SUSPECTED PCB PROBLEM AT HERBICIDE SHED NCBC GULFPORT MS
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Reply To Attn Of: RDVW (Maj Stoddart)

Subj: Letter of Transmittal; PCB Data From NCBC
Incinerator Site.

To: Ms Beverly Spagg
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Please find enclosed copies of the ENTEK and IT Corp laboratory reports covering a suspected PCB problem on the NCBC Herbicide Orange Storage site. Although the ENTEK laboratory reported 28% PCB in their initial report they were not able to detect PCB in a re-analysis of the same sample. Two additional samples, collected at the same time as the ENTEK sample, were submitted to a NAVY contract laboratory for PCB analysis (data not enclosed). Results of the Navy tests showed no detectable PCB. To resolve the disparity in the lab results, two additional samples were collected and submitted to ENTEK and IT Corp. laboratories. The result of the second round of samples (enclosed) showed no PCBs present. The IT lab, as expected, did identify components of Herbicide Orange.

Based on a review of this data, it is the opinion of the Air Force and Navy, that the initial positive test for PCBs was a laboratory error. It is highly unlikely that a sample containing 28 percent PCBs would show a non detect during re-analysis unless there had been a lab error. Based on the above we consider the issue to be closed.

Should you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact me at the NCBC field office, Tele 601-864-4139 or at Tyndall AFB Tele 904-871-4397.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T L Stoddart".

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