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Subject:

Past correspondence on Naval Pollution at local Naval Bases.

REF: Your letter of May 10 1989

Dear Mr. Henry;

Enclosed are two cover letters, which are part of the most recent Hazardous Waste inspections of local Naval Bases. These cover letters are to the Commanding Officers of Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, and Mayport Naval Station.,

and signed by the Florida Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

You may obtain the full Hazardous Waste Inspection Reports on all local Naval Bases, from the local office of F.D.E.R.

In the hazardous waste inspection report, on Mayport Naval Base, dated Feb. 21 1989, I note the use of untrained naval enlisted personnel in the handling hazardous waste. A similar report, in an earlier report on Cecil Field, has been noted.

Since these enlisted personnel are untrained in the handling of hazardous waste, they not only endanger their own lives, but those of the general public, as well.

Many other hazardous waste handling violations are noted in these reports.

QUESTION:

Is it a criminal offense for the Navy to use untrained military personnel to handle hazardous waste?

An early reply will be appreciated.

SINCERELY
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