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LETTER REGARDING UPCOMING REVIEW OF PAST WASTE DISPOSAL PRACTICES AT  
NAS WHITING FIELD FL  
8/11/1988  
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The Honorable Bob Martinez  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Martinez:

Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida will soon be undergoing a strenuous review of the results of past waste disposal practices. We are expecting to be proposed for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priority List (NPL) in the Federal Register.

In 1986 the Navy determined that low levels of organic contamination were present in two of our three drinking water wells. A treatment system has been installed in one well. An additional treatment system for the second well is under design. The third well has remained uncontaminated.

Benzene and trichloroethylene were detected in the water samples. These chemicals are often associated with aviation gasoline and a degreasing compound. Neither of these materials have been stored or used at Whiting Field since 1978.

I am supporting a proactive community relations program which should help ease the minds of our Santa Rosa county community. The Navy program for site remediation is known as the Navy Installation Restoration Program (NIRP). Naval Air Station, Whiting Field will be under this program if we are proposed for the NPL.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer