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LETTER INFORMING OF AN RELEASE OF FUEL PRODUCT INTO CLEAR CREEK
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MILTON, FLORIDA 32570-5000

Mr. John Mitchell, Natural Resources Trustee
Department of Natural Resources
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Mail Station 45
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This is to inform you of an apparent release of fuel/oil products into wetlands associated with Clear Creek. The date, quantity, or cause of the release is unknown, however, it appears to have taken place a considerable time ago. The area was discovered while conducting field reconnaissance in the vicinity of an identified Installation Restoration Program site. Three 55-gallon drums have been found within the area. Two of the drums are empty, the third is located in Clear Creek and appears to be intact.

The site is approximately three acres and is located in palustrine forested wetlands approximately 5.5 miles north of the Blackwater River. A map of the site is enclosed. The vegetation does not appear to be stressed and there is no evidence of stressed or dead wildlife. The released product is in pockets of bottom sediments throughout the site. Agitation in some areas causes the release of a visible sheen and fuel type odor.

We have initiated a site survey to evaluate the impact of the release. The drum in Clear Creek will be removed and any contents analyzed promptly. Remediation will be dictated by a thorough site evaluation.

If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Julie Catone at (904) 623-7181, extension 53.

Sincerely,

J. L. BALL
Commander, CEC, U.S. Navy
By direction of
the Commanding Officer

Encl:
(1) Site map

