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LETTER DESCRIBING AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCE AND DISEASE REGISTRY  
UPCOMING SITE VISIT AT NAS WHITING FIELD FL  
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN HEALTH SERVICES

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Dear Captain Tande:

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is scheduled to visit Naval Air Station Whiting Field during the week of December 5, 1994. The purpose of the site visit is to gather information and determine priorities for a public health assessment of this facility which is proposed for listing on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List (NPL). The information from reports and on-site discussions with Whiting Field staff will be combined with the information from other groups (concerned members of the public, community leaders, and state and federal agencies) to determine priorities and schedules for public health assessments to be performed by ATSDR.

Provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, require ATSDR to prepare public health assessments for all sites proposed or listed on the NPL, including federal facilities such as Whiting Field.

An ATSDR public health assessment evaluates data and information on the release of hazardous substances into the environment and assesses if there is any past, current, or future impact on public health. It is used to identify studies or actions needed to evaluate, mitigate or prevent adverse human health effects. The public health assessment process may also be used to develop health studies or other recommendations when warranted.

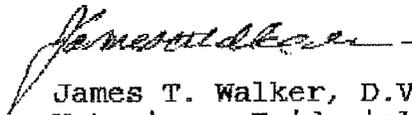
We frequently provide installation commanders with an inbriefing to further discuss our planned activities during the site visit, and we discuss our next steps during an exit briefing. We would like to tour the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites and meet with staff from selected installation activities. ATSDR usually meets with installation representatives from a variety of offices which

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may include environmental (IRP manager), public affairs, natural resources, medical, housing, and public works. We have enclosed a listing of those people and the reason we may want to meet with them.

If you have any questions either before or after the visit, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Mrs. Diane Jackson at (404) 639-6070. We thank you and your staff for your cooperation and assistance. Your continued support of our efforts is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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