

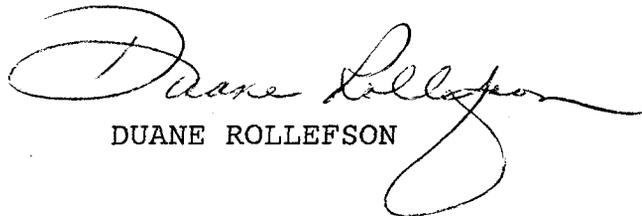
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From: Code N46, Environmental Coordinator
To: Code N8, Director Morale, Welfare and Recreation
Subj: CHILDS PLAYGROUND AT GULL PARK

1. Per direction of Code N4, this memorandum is to advise you of a possible concern with the subject playground at Gull Park on the mole. Details are becoming available on the sampling and research of the environmental concerns for the Installation Restoration (IR) Program at the Long Beach Naval Complex. The IR program identifies possible concerns from past disposal practices of solid wastes, hazardous wastes, or previous hazardous operational areas. In the mid 1940's to the 1960's, the eastern end of the mole was suspected to have numerous trenches dug in the soil, various solid wastes and chemicals disposed of in the trenches, then backfilled and covered with clean soil. As part of the IR program, an aerial photo review of historical photos and a physical survey of the mole was conducted. We were given a preliminary review of the results of those two surveys on 12 May 1994. It appears that the photos indicate trenching in the area of the subject playground, and the geo-physical survey appears to confirm that there is a very high probability that this is the location of the trenches. There have been no samples to confirm there is a health concern in that area. The sampling of various areas, including these suspected trenches, will start the week of 23 May 94. But based on the possibility of unknown health risks (even though this practice of disposal ended in the 1960's) and the eventual closure of the mole on 30 Sep 94, we are requesting that you close this playground indefinitely. This information was conveyed by phone to Mr. McMahon on 13 May 94 and he verbally agreed to close the playground.

2. If there are any questions on this matter, you can contact me at extension 547-7086.



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