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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Subj: RESPONSE TO MEDIA REQUEST

Encl: (1) Memorandum for the AC/S, EMD 5727 dtd 8 Feb 90

1. The following are responses to questions posed in the enclosure.

a. Question 1a.

The Rifle Range Chemical Dump has been listed as one of the top priority sites to receive funding to initiate a full remedial investigation. Well sampling will commence in March-April 1990 to determine groundwater contamination and movement.

b. Question 1b.

ESE Hunter will be conducting the groundwater sampling in March-April 1990. The contractor for the full remedial investigation is not known at this point and time.

c. Question 1c.

PCB'S are polychlorinated biphenyls, a synthetic organic. PCB's have been linked to causing cancer and affecting the reproductive system. Production was banned in 1977. Proposed maximum contaminant level is .0005 mg/L.

TCE is trichloroethylene, an organic. The maximum contaminant level is .005 mg/L. TCE has been linked to cancer.

d. Question 1d.

It is not known whether the Rifle Range will affect the Sneads Ferry community. A full remedial investigation will need to be conducted to determine the potential of hazardous waste contamination to the environment.

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