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From: Commanding Officer, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

To: Commander, U.S. Army Chemical Materiel Destruction Agency (Attn: Program Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel)

Subj: REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY/RISK ASSESSMENT FIELD WORK FOR SITE 69, RIFLE RANGE CHEMICAL DUMP, AT MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

Ref: (a) PHONCON USACMDA (Mr. B. Brankowics)/LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Mr. B. Brant) of 29 Sep and 1 Oct 92  
(b) PHONCON AMCCOM (Ms. B. Peterson)/LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Ms. L. Boucher) of 5, 6, and 8 Nov 91  
(c) PHONCON USATEU (Mr. B. Goforth)/USATHAMA (Mr. J. Arnold)/OESO (Mr. M. Kovalchick)/MCB Camp Lejeune (Mr. B. Ashton) and LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Ms. L. Boucher) of 7 Nov 91  
(d) LANTNAVFACENGCOM ltr 5090 1822:LAB:srw of 19 Nov 91  
(e) USAMCCOM ltr AMSMC-SR (415-10a) of 4 Dec 1991

Encl: (1) Final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan for Sites 6, 9, 48, and 69, Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base  
(2) Site 69 Information Package

1. As discussed in reference (a), the Navy is administering the Remedial Investigation of the Rifle Range Chemical Dump, Site 69, at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This Remedial Investigation is compliance driven, as MCB Camp Lejeune is on the National Priorities List. Historical information indicates chemical surety agents may be buried at Site 69.

2. During reference (a), Mr. Brankowics stated your command has, as of 5 June 1992, been assigned the mission for demilitarization of all "non-stockpile" chemical surety materiel. Mr. Brankowics further indicated the assignment of this mission to your agency resulted from Congressional direction to the Army to establish a sole authority with the responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the study and remediation of sites contaminated with chemical surety agents. Mr. Brankowics also said currently, the Department of Defense (DoD) policy states your command must be involved in investigations of all Installation Restoration (IR) sites potentially contaminated with chemical surety agents.

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3. During references (b) through (e) we discussed or corresponded with several U.S. Army agencies concerning sampling and analysis for Site 69. Our understanding from references (b) through (e) was that DoD policy authorized us to conduct only non-intrusive sampling (including sampling existing monitoring wells on the site) at sites potentially contaminated with chemical surety agents. We further understood we could conduct the non-intrusive sampling without substantial involvement of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, which was then involved as a lead DoD agency for these sites. However, during the reference (a) discussions Mr. Brankowics stated all sampling and analysis work must be coordinated through your agency. Mr. Brankowics also indicated both non-intrusive and intrusive sampling are permissible for these sites. As the DoD policy for these sites has changed, please provide written clarification of the new policy for conducting RI/FS sampling and analysis at IR sites which are potentially contaminated with chemical surety agents.

4. In consideration of your new mission assignment, we request your assistance with our efforts to revise our existing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Project Plans and conduct the necessary sampling and analyses for the subject site. Furthermore, we would like to meet with representatives of your agency at your earliest convenience to discuss this work. Enclosures (1) and (2) are provided for your information.

5. As we are required by a Federal Facilities Agreement to formally request an extension from the EPA and the State of North Carolina to postpone our RI/FS efforts for Site 69, please provide a copy of the DoD documents which establish and describe your agency's new mission and authority for non-stockpile chemical materiel and the DoD policy tasking your agency with involvement at all military service Installation Restoration sites potentially contaminated with chemical surety agents. These documents will support our correspondence with the EPA and the State.

6. Please direct questions or comments concerning this matter to Mr. Byron Brant, our Remedial Project Manager for this effort, at DSN 565-2931 or Commercial (804) 445-2931.

Sincerely,

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Head  
Environmental Programs Branch  
Environmental Quality Division  
By direction of the Commander

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