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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
Mr. Timothy Gordon  
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Subj: NOTICE OF NEWLY DISCOVERED RELEASE, NAVAL ACTIVITY  
PUERTO RICO, EPA I.D. NUMBER PR2170027203, CEIBA, PUERTO RICO

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In accordance with Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Resource Conservation and Recover Act 7003 Administrative Order on Consent for Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR), the Navy hereby notifies the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 that a newly discovered release of potential hazardous constituents has been identified at NAPR. Specific information regarding subject release is as follows:

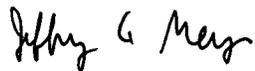
- **Description of the release:** The release is associated with a concrete pad that is currently storing approximately 25 transformers. The pad has a concrete berm surrounding the perimeter of the pad that acts as secondary containment. A valve is installed in the berm to allow drainage of accumulated rainwater. Standing water, with a slight oily sheen, was observed in the bermed area. A small area (approximately 10 feet by 3 feet) of stained soil and stressed vegetation was observed at the discharge of the drain valve.
- **Location:** NAPR refers to the area as the Pole Yard, and is located off of Hallandia Street, near the intersection of Forrestal Drive and Valley Forge Road (see attached figure).
- **Basis for determining that a release has occurred:** A base employee, who is also a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) member, informed the Navy of the suspected release during the 14 June 2007 RAB meeting based on his observations of the area. Subsequent site visits by Baker Environmental and Navy personnel followed on 15 and 19 June 2007, respectively, and confirmed the presence of stained soil and stressed vegetation.
- **Media impacted by the release:** Soil.
- **Specific hazardous constituents suspected to have been released:** Constituents associated with transformer dielectric fluid (reported to be mineral oil), including total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons and polychlorinated

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- biphenyls (PCBs), are the likely potential contaminants of concern. However, nearly all the transformer had non-PCB stickers attached to them.
- **New or existing site and basis for this determination:** Since no solid waste management units or area of concerns are in the vicinity of the release, it is assumed to be a new release.
- **Response actions currently underway, and planned for the near future:** The base operating support (BOS) contractor will remove, sample and properly dispose of the stained soil within the next two weeks. Housekeeping measures, including removal and proper disposal of standing water within the bermed pad, will be performed by the BOS contractor. Baker Environmental will, within the next two months, take soil confirmation samples in the area of the soil removal to determine if any contamination remains. NAPR will look into having the transformers permanently removed.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Davidson at (843) 743-2135 or by email at [mark.e.davidson@navy.mil](mailto:mark.e.davidson@navy.mil).

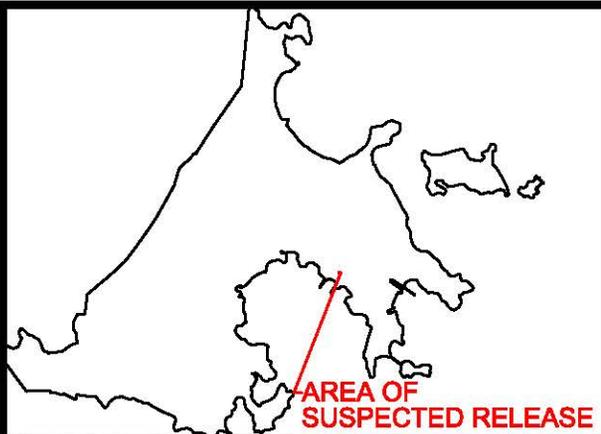
Sincerely,



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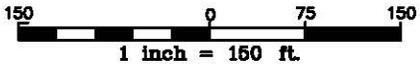
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