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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

This is in response to the July 14, 2005 request from Mr. Frank Cirillo of your staff to provide environmental restoration costs and/or confirmation of completion for Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia; Naval Station, Pascagoula, Mississippi; and Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas. His question and our response follow below. Our response was coordinated with the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (N45).

*Question: The Department provided Environmental Restoration cost data for each facility recommended for closure. During a review of the data provided we could not confirm that environmental restoration has been completed at the following facilities: Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia; Naval Station, Pascagoula, Mississippi; and Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas. Each of these facilities indicated that zero dollars had been spent through FY2003 and no additional funding was needed to complete environmental restoration. A quick review of the FY2003 Annual Report to Congress did not show the facilities having response completed at all sites. Has environmental restoration been completed at the facilities?*

Naval Station, Pascagoula, Mississippi and Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas were established after 1986, the latest date that contamination had to have occurred to be eligible for the Navy's Installation Restoration program, under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). The bases would not have been included in DERP because any environmental incidents would be remediated immediately and therefore, no environmental restoration costs would be associated with the bases. Naval Air Station Atlanta is a tenant on Dobbins Air Force Base. The only cleanup required on the base was an underground storage tank. That site was remediated in the mid-nineties for about \$250,000. There is currently no known environmental restoration required at these three installations.

I trust this information satisfactorily addresses your concerns. If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne R. Davis".

Anne Rathmell Davis  
Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy  
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