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June 25, 1990

Major General Burton R. Moore
Director of Legislative Liaison
Department of the Air Force
Room 4D927, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1000

RE: George A.F.B.
Vera, Frank III
SSN; [REDACTED]

Dear Major General Moore:

I am writing on behalf of Frank Vera concerning his exposure to radiation in 1973, while in the service at George A.F.B.. Mr. Vera is now suffering, as are several others, as a result of that exposure. I am enclosing pertinent documentation, which includes medical reports stating that his condition is due to his exposure to radiation, along with a copy of where the nuclear waste was stored at Geoge A.F.B..

I am requesting a complete and thorough investigation of this matter. Mr. Vera has documented names of others who are also suffering medically due to their exposure. I would like your research to indicate how many were affected and showed symptoms similar to those of radiation poisoning and never diagnosed in that manner. Mr. Vera has also indicated that the waste site on the base was right next to the housing units and that children use to play in that area.

Please respond to me directly at my Colton District Office. Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
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Enclosure

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Mr. Henry Gresham
Regional Director
Department of Veterans Affairs
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90024

RE: Mr. Frank Vera
SSN: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Gresham:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Vera, who has contacted my office regarding the denial of his claim for increased service connected disability compensation and non-service connected pension.

Mr. Vera request my assistance several years ago with this same problem. At that time I contacted the Pentagon and asked them to investigate the nuclear waste issue at George A.F.B. Their response stated that there was no evidence of nuclear waste. Unfortunately, it is now public knowledge that there definitely is a problem at George A.F.B., but Mr. Vera continues to be denied even though he has medical documentation verifying that his deteriorating condition is due to radiation poisoning from Loma Linda University Medical Center, U.C.L.A. Medical Center, and the medical facility in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The denial states that "the fact that George A.F.B. has been declared unsafe does not show that your suffer from any disability which can be recognized as radiogenic in origin." It difficult for me to understand after reading the medical reports how the statement above could be made. The medical report clearly indicate radiation poisoning. I also don't understand why our local Veteran's Hospital did reach the same conclusion in this matter.

In the "condition" portion of the denial [REDACTED], low back strain are listed. I need this clarified further as well. Mr. Vera is try to obtain benefits for radiation poisoning, and a dislocated right shoulder, cracked sternum,, and crushed, ruptured and bulging disc injury that was due to a service connected gunshop accident.

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I am also enclosing a copy of where the nuclear waste was located at George A.F.B.. I feel confident that if this matter was investigated, it will show that Mr. Vera was exposed to radiation, as were several others. I am enclosing an authorization, medical records, along with other relevant documents, and am requesting that Mr. Vera's medical records, located at Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, be released to him.

Please respond to me directly at my Colton District Office. Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM
 PHASE II -
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 GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

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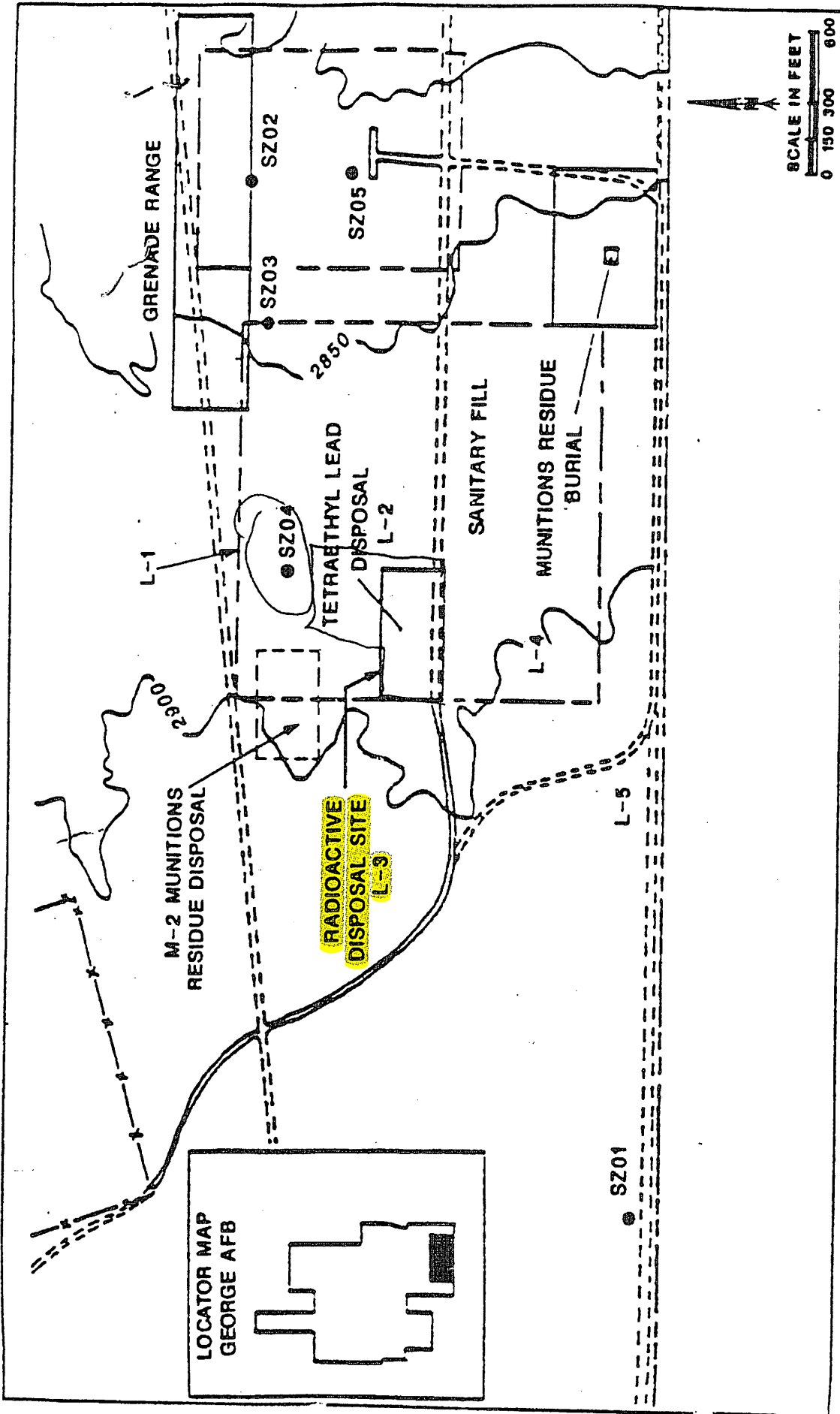


FIGURE 1
 SOUTHEAST DISPOSAL AREA LOCATION OF EXISTING
 MONITORING WELLS SZ01 THROUGH SZ05
 (FROM SAIC, 1987)



Table 1
DISPOSAL SITE PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY
GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA

Site	Waste Type	Estimated Materials Concentration	Material Rating
Munitions			
M-1	Small Area Basins	YES	NO
M-2	Small Area Basins/Cells	YES	YES
M-3	Small Area Basins/Cells	YES	NO
Landfills			
L-1	Industrial/Domestic	YES	YES
L-2	Fuel Tank Bladders	YES	YES
L-3	Ballistics/Trails	YES	YES
L-4	Slotted Cartridges	YES	NO
L-5	Paper/Possible Asbestos	NO	NO
L-6	Construction Debris	NO	NO
L-7	Construction Debris	NO	NO
L-8	Domestic	NO	NO
L-9	Domestic	NO	NO
L-10	Domestic/Industrial	NO	NO
L-11	Industrial/Domestic	YES	YES
L-12	Industrial/Domestic	YES	YES
L-13	Industrial/Domestic	YES	YES
Other Debris			
B-1	Chemical Toilet Basins	NO	NO
B-2	Paint	YES	YES
B-3	Debris/Industrial	NO	NO
B-4	Debris/Industrial	NO	NO
B-5	Radio	NO	NO
B-6	Domestic	NO	NO
B-7	Construction Debris	NO	NO
B-8	Pesticides/Paint	YES	YES
B-9	Asides/Oils	YES	YES
B-10	Pesticides/Oils	YES	YES
B-11	Aluminum	YES	YES
B-12	Aluminum	YES	YES
B-13	Possible Munitions	YES	NO
Liquor Disposal or Spills			
P-1	Sanitary	YES	YES
P-2	Sanitary	NO	NO
P-3	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-4	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-5	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-6	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-7	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-8	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-9	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-10	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-11	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-12	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-13	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-14	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-15	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-16	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-17	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-18	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-19	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-20	Jet Fuel	YES	YES
P-21	Sanitary/Industrial	YES	YES
P-22	Sanitary/Industrial	YES	YES
P-23	Sanitary/Industrial	YES	YES
P-24	Sanitary/Industrial	YES	YES

Source: IRP Phase I Report prepared by CH2M HILL (1983)

migrations; and (4) any efforts to contain the contaminants. Each of these categories contains a number of rating factors that are used in the overall hazard rating.

Table 1 is a summary of 34 sites which were identified during the IRP Phase I records searches and investigated for potential contamination and migration hazard. Thirty-one of the sites were found not to be a potential threat to the environment or public health and safety in context of regulated hazardous wastes and were not evaluated using the BARM rating model. The remaining 3 sites were ranked using the BARM model. The sites and their BARM total scores and subcores are identified in Table 2.

At the conclusion of the IRP Phase I records search, the USAF determined the potential for off-site migration of hazardous wastes at George AFB is low because of the relatively low groundwater levels, negative net annual precipitation, and the absence of surface waters. Six of the BARM rated sites were determined as having low or nonexistent environmental, public health or safety concerns. As a consequence, Phase II funds were not appropriated to perform comprehensive site investigations. These six sites include Site B-2, a reported 1932 burial site of up to 400 gallons of lead-based paints near Air Base Road and the plant range. Sites S-1 and S-3 are small abandoned waste oil and fuel leach pits behind vehicle maintenance buildings and the fuels lab. Site S-5 is the current fire training area north of Crosswind Runway 21, while Site S-7 is the old wing tip fuel tank drainage area near the operations apron. Removal of fuel-enriched soils in affected areas, particularly at Site S-7, has been undertaken in the past. Finally, Site S-12 is the base golf course which for several years was irrigated with effluent from the wastewater treatment plant. There have been no observed detrimental effects to the golf course or downlope vegetation or of base water supply groundwater quality as a consequence of golf course irrigation with plant effluent. Golf course irrigation is accomplished solely with groundwater now that all wastewaters are transported off-base to the Victor Valley Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The BARM ratings of the remaining 17 sites indicated many have a moderate to high potential for contaminant release or migration. In addition, possible

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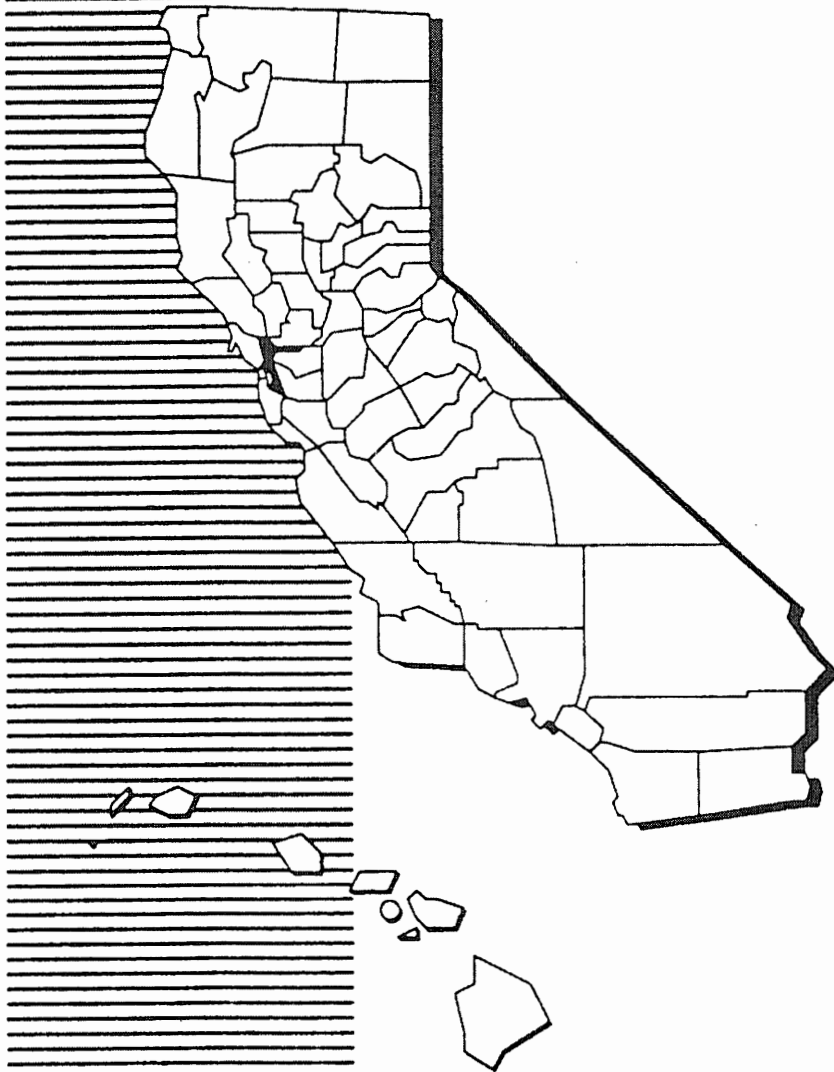
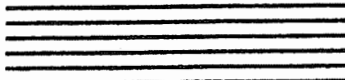
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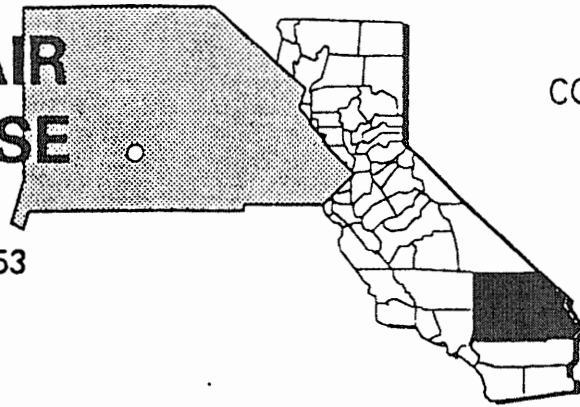
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Site Description

The George Air Force Base occupies 5,347 acres. The base supports tactical fighter operations and provides training for air crew and maintenance personnel. The base is scheduled for closure in 1992. All hazardous and solid wastes now are disposed of off site at licensed facilities. Fifty-four potential areas of contamination have been identified at this site. The Air Force eliminated 37 of those sites by determining that they were not a threat to public health and the environment. The Air Force then grouped the remaining areas of contamination into the following five areas for cleanup: the northeast Disposal Area, Industrial Storm Drain Line and Outfall, landfills in the northeast and southeast areas of the base, Fire Training and Disposal Pits, petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater, and miscellaneous liquid disposal sites. Approximately 15,400 people live within 3 miles of the site, and 11,000 people reside within 1 mile of the site.

Site Responsibility: This site is being addressed through Federal actions.

NPL LISTING HISTORY

Proposed Date: 07/14/89

Final Date: 02/22/90

Threats and Contaminants



Groundwater and soil are contaminated with heavy metals including lead, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and **radioactive wastes**. Potential health risks exist through direct contact with or accidental ingestion of contaminated groundwater or soils.



Cleanup Approach

This site is being addressed in five stages: initial actions and four long-term remedial phases focusing on cleanup of the Northeast Disposal area, the Flightline area, the Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricant and landfill areas, and the entire site. These phases address contamination across the five areas previously identified by the Air Force.