

HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS BASE
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date 27 July 79

From: Assistant Chief of Staff Facilities

To: C/S

Subj:

This is problem discussed
w/CG yesterday. I think
ltr stands alone.

Bairley

Change Para 3 of letter to
read IAW guidance received from

CG:
270 JCB

C/S
redrafted as per CG
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 This is further business
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31 JUL 1979

From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, 2d Force Service Support Group (Rein) FMFLant

Subj: Oil Spill; report of

Ref: (a) On-Site Inspection of Oil Spill near Bldg FC-200 on 23 Jul 79
(b) On-Site Inspection of Oil Spills (two) near Bldg FC-200 on
25 Jul 79
(c) Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended
(d) MCO P11000.8A
(e) BO 11090.1A

1. During references (a) and (b) two JP-5 and one diesel fuel spills totaling approximately 7,550 gallons were inspected by Base Maintenance Department, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division personnel. The spills were caused when fuel bladders operated by Bulk Fuel Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, ruptured spilling fuel on the ground. Approximately 3,000 gallons of the 7,000 gallon spill, which occurred on 23 July 1979, was deliberately drained from the diked area as reported by Lt. Menza and reached navigable waters violating references (c), (d) and (e). That action caused serious clean up problems which to date has not been completed. During the inspection of this spill, it was learned that nine other spills at the same location involving fuel bladders had occurred recently. Those spills were not reported as required by reference (e).

2. Improper disposal of petroleum products is significant and serious as reference (c) states that the Director, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), can assess civil penalties ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per violation; and this is in addition to criminal sanctions which could be imposed in the same matter including felony penalties with \$10,000 per day fines plus imprisonment. Under the law, each spill, however slight, is a separate violation. It is not as if violations will never be noted. The law requires this activity to monitor oil pollution and report each violation to Region IV, EPA in Atlanta, Georgia, and we comply.

3. Accordingly, it is recommended that storage of petroleum products in fuel bladders be discontinued until such time as assurance can be provided that no further spills will occur. Further, it is requested that an investigation be conducted to establish the facts of the incident, responsibilities therefor and measures to be taken to prevent a recurrence.

D. B. BARKER

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