

DRMO-ZNM (N. Hensley/5652/srs)

23 January 1989

**SUBJECT:** Past Chemical Disposal Practices at DRMO Lot 203

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
ATTN: Base Safety Officer  
Marine Corps Base  
Camp Lejeune, NC 28542

1. Reference: NREAD letter, dated 17 Jan 89 (copy enclosed)
2. In an effort to clean up an area in Lot 203 where two drums were inadvertently unearthed several other drums were discovered. One of the drums was labeled DDT. It is unknown at this time what the other drums contain. Natural Resources has taken soil samples for analyzing. This area has all been covered over with plastic and cordoned off at the present time.
3. Enclosure 1 to the enclosure shows a map with annotated areas which reflect where various waste had been buried at Lot 203 prior to 1980. Request your office inspect these areas to ensure there is no threat to the employees who work there.

1 Encl



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NREAD  
17 Jan 89

From: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs  
Division

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: PAST CHEMICAL DISPOSAL PRACTICES AT DRMO LOT 203

Ref: (a) Onsite visit by LtCol Wellington, SJA, Nadine Hipp,  
DRMO, Mr. Joe Poliotti, Retired DRMO Civil Service,  
Sammy Gwynn and J. I. Wooten, NREAD on 13 Jan 89 at  
1200 hours

Encl: (1) DRMO Lot 203 map with chemical disposal information

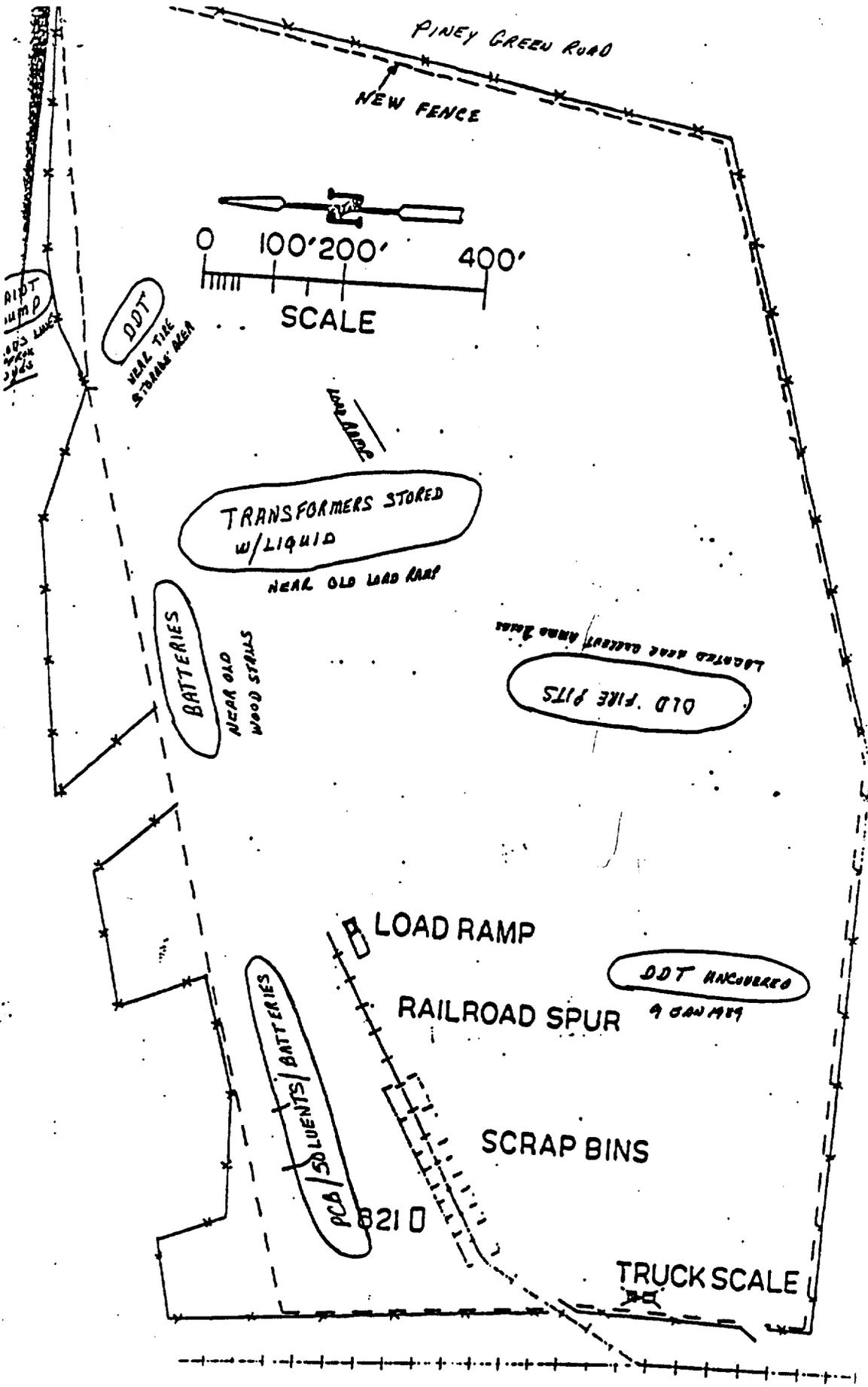
1. During the reference, Mr. Poliotti pointed out several different spots both within and outside the Lot 203 fence where various chemical i.e. PCB, electrolyte from used battery, cleaning solvents and waste oil disposal occurred by DRMO employees during the period 1963 to 1988 (approximately 17 years). Mr. Poliotti advised that pesticides were stored in a trailer at Lot 203 and he was not aware of any pesticides being buried at Lot 203. Enclosure (1) provides general Lot 203 chemical disposal locations which were pointed out by Mr. Poliotti during the reference.

2. Mr. Poliotti mentioned that four each former DRMO Lot 203 employees had died and at least one died of cancer.

3. It is recommended Base Safety and PMU be tasked with investigating the DRMO Lot 203 work site in light of the 9 Jan 89 discovery of buried DDT and the information provided by Mr. Poliotti during the reference alleging indiscriminate disposal of several chemicals mentioned in paragraph one above. Base Safety and PMU should provide recommendation relative to any immediate threat to humans ASAP but no later than 1 February 89 as civilian employees are assigned to Lot 203 daily and are performing official duties throughout the fenced complex.

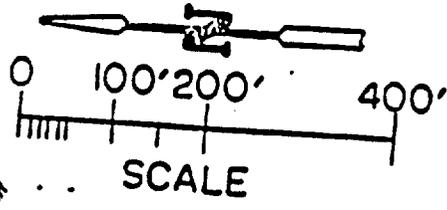
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AIRPT HUMP  
DDT NEAR TIRE STORAGE AREA

DDT  
NEAR TIRE STORAGE AREA



TRANSFORMERS STORED  
W/LIQUID  
NEAR OLD LOAD RAMP

BATTERIES  
NEAR OLD WOOD STALLS

LOCATED HERE DURING AND AFTER  
OLD PIPE PITS

LOAD RAMP  
RAILROAD SPUR

DDT RECOVERED  
9 JAN 1989

PCB/SOLVENTS/BATTERIES

SCRAP BINS

TRUCK SCALE

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