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**AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY  
ACTIVITIES AT  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES  
SECOND QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 1997**

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**PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

**NATICK LABORATORY ARMY RESEARCH, MA**

On January 9-10, 1997, ATSDR staff toured the site, attended the Restoration Advisory Board meeting, and discussed development of a health consultation requested by the Restoration Advisory Board to review current literature about potential health effects of low levels of trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE) in drinking water.

**REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL**

ATSDR, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Public Health, issued a health consultation regarding the potential public health impact of past operation of the Redstone Arsenal Building 5681. Both agencies concluded that Building 5681 does not pose a health hazard for staff working in the building.

- Air sampling conducted did not indicate the presence of pesticides or heavy metals at levels of health concern. To confirm the absence of pesticides, air sampling will continue until building renovation is completed.
- The levels of pesticides and metals found in floor and wall concrete and dust wipe samples from the ceiling do not pose a health threat.
- Although Building 5681 was originally intended to support work with mustard gas, historical records indicate that the purpose of the building was for ring construction and the building because an in-progress project. Mustard gas was

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met with state, Redstone St. Louis meetings.

**SUNFLOWER ARM**

ATSDR staff initiated work on the public health assessment for Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant.

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**HEALTH STUDIES****DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE****MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY RESERVATION, MA**

Cancer Statistics Review: The study report has been peer reviewed and released for public comment. It is not known when the final report will be released because of a request by the Community Assistance Panel for a reanalysis of some of the data by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Health Outcome Evaluation: The "Health Study of Communities Surrounding Otis Air National Guard Base/Camp Edwards" draft report was released for public comment in July 1996. The comment period ended in August 1996. The investigators are developing responses to the comments received during the public comment period.

Feasibility Investigation of Conducting a Child Health Study at the Massachusetts Military Reservation: ATSDR investigated the feasibility of conducting a follow-up health study on individuals who attended school on the reservation from 1969 through 1979 and determined that a study of past students at these schools was not feasible. Possibilities of studying current public school children, past and current staff, and children who attended the private school, Falmouth Academy, when it occupied the Campbell school property (1979-1989), are also under investigation.

Addition of Expert Advisors to the Community Assistance Panel: The Community Assistance Panel requested that 2 or 3 outside experts in environmental epidemiology or a related field be engaged to assist panel members. Three potential candidates were identified during the second quarter. The first meeting of the advisors with panel members is anticipated during the third quarter.

**TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OK**

The study of vital statistics data (death and birth certificates) has been completed for Tinker Air Force Base. A draft study report is currently under development. Branch, division, and peer review processes are projected to begin during the third quarter.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY****MARINE CORPS BASE - CAMP LEJEUNE, NC**

The study of adverse pregnancy outcomes among women exposed to VOCs is ongoing. The medical records review has been completed. An interim report containing the analysis of birthweight outcomes was released. The final report is projected for release during the third quarter of FY 1997.

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