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4 May 87

From: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune
To: Acting Employee Relations Superintendent
Subj: PERSONAL HEARING LOSS

Ref: (a) Acting Employee Relations Routing and Transmittal Slip
of 24 March 1987
(b) OWCP ltr/A6-411601 of 19 March 1987

Encl: (1) Informational Response for Workers Compensation File
No. A6-411601 dtd 19 March 1987
(2) Dir NREAD ltr 5200/NREAD of 26 Mar 87
(3) CO, USNH, MCB, CLNC ltr 6260.3g/87-152-3a of 9 Apr 87

1. In accordance with the request contained in reference (a) concerning the personal hearing loss of Mr. Charles D. Peterson, the information requested in reference (b) is forwarded in enclosure (1).

2. Enclosure (2) requested that a noise level survey be conducted for completing the information requested in reference (b). Authorization for the noise level survey was approved by enclosure (3), but according to the Inspection Branch, Occupational Health/Preventive Medicine Section, USNH, it will be several months before the noise level survey can be conducted. Consequently, this information cannot be provided at this time but will be promptly forwarded when the noise level survey has been conducted.

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INFORMATIONAL RESPONSE TO WORKERS COMPENSATION
FILE NUMBER A6-411601
LETTER DATED 19 MARCH 1987

1. Mr. Peterson performs supervisory duties of lower level civilian employees and military personnel in carrying out an intergated multiple-use program of fish and wildlife conservation for Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Non-supervisory administrative duties are: (a) Develops and updates the following programs: 1) Game Species Management, 2) Nongame Species Management, 3) Endangered and Threatened Species Management, 4) Control of Base Wildlife Populations and 5) Archaeological/Historical Resources Protection. (b) Provides fish and wildlife conservation services to the civilian and military workforce of the base. A further breakdown of Mr. Peterson's duties are described in paragraph 9 below.

a. Mr. Peterson expends, approximately, 80% of his work time in the office of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division, Building 1103, Industrial Area, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mr. Peterson also visits various Camp Lejeune military training areas from time to time relative to his responsibilities in carrying out the duties of the position. While in the training areas there may be unexpected explosive sounds from artillery, tanks, exploding ordinance, jet aircraft, and helicopters. Mr. Peterson has hearing protection devices including ear plugs and sound muffs in his possession which are available for use when expected hazardous noise may be encountered.

b. The decibel level for the Homelite Chainsaw, serial number 312927 which is currently on Account Number 28, Mr. Peterson's Supply List, measures _____, and is the same chainsaw used when the pond area was cleared.

c. Mr. Peterson states that he was the primary operator of the subject chainsaw which was used to clear brush from Hickory Pond in 1968.

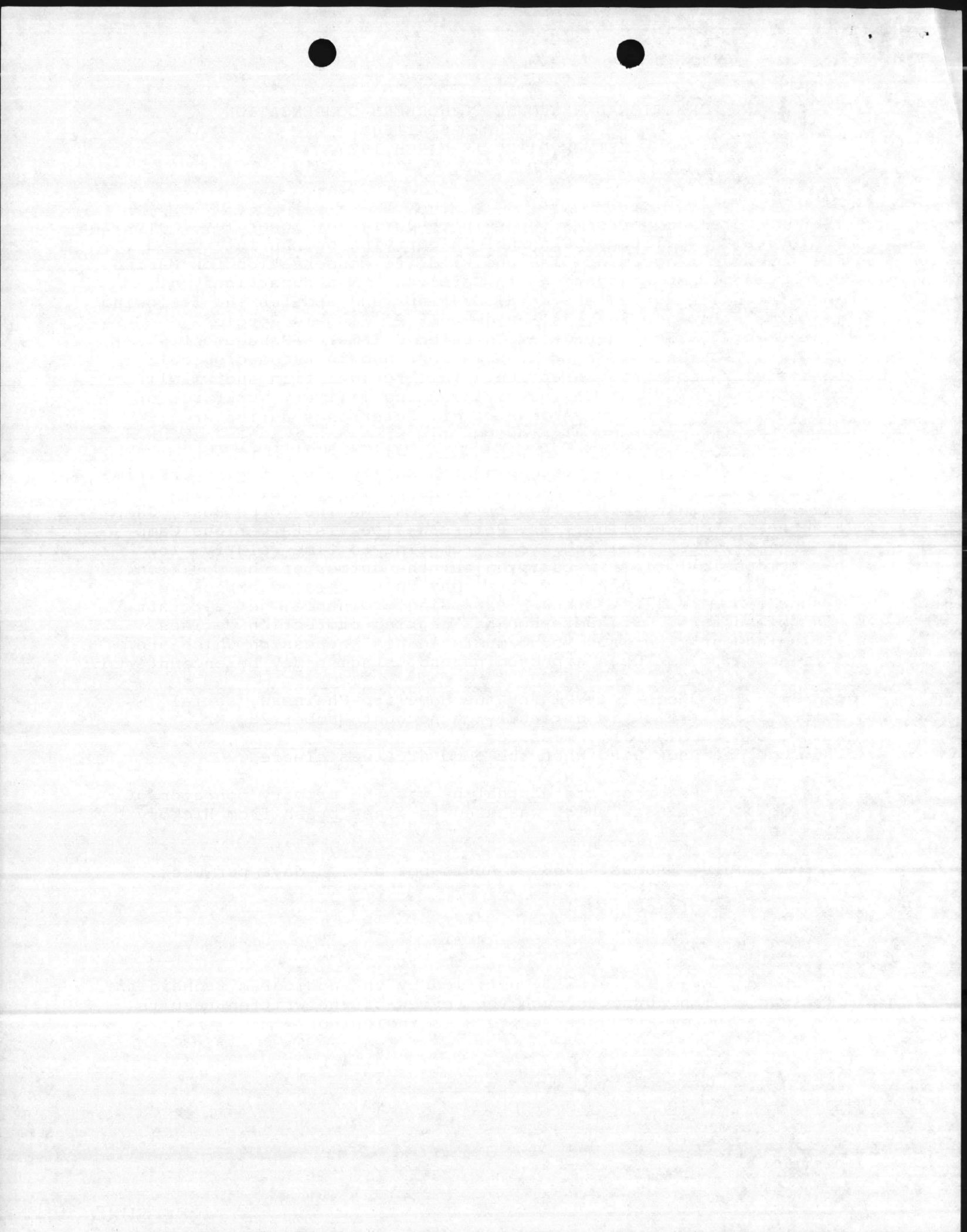
d. July - August 1968, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

2. N/A this office

3. N/A this office

4. The employee is verbally notified by the audiogram technician/civilian health nurse through the review of the written results of the audiogram when hearing loss is indicated.

ENCLOSURE (1)



5. Supervisors were instructed after the hearing conservation program was initiated to procure hearing protection devices for themselves and all their employees at the Self Service Issue Point. Mr. Peterson has purchased both ear plugs and sound muffs for himself and each employee he supervises as instructed. Such hearing devices are always available to him and his employees.

6. The employee was not notified of the hearing loss by anyone here that it was possibly employment related.

7. Employee is only subjected to un-expected hazardous noise areas, does not normally operate any type of hazardous noise equipment on the job, and does not normally work in hazardous noise areas.

8. N/A this office

PARAGRAPH 9

1. Job Duty (1)

Supervising the enforcement of all state, federal and base fishing, hunting and boating laws and regulations aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

Job Title

Supvy Game Law
Enforcement
Officer GS-1812-6

Location

Provost Marshal
Office, Bldg. 37,
Industrial Area

Period Assigned

01-19-66 thru 07-29-67

Noise Encountered

Firing 38 cal. pistol on range for qualification. Infrequent artillery, tank, explosive ordinance exploding.

Job Duty (2)

Responsible for the execution of policies and practices relating to conservation fish and wildlife management; to include propagation, preservation and manipulation, predator control, food plot preparation, and the enforcement of all state, federal and base laws and/or regulations pertaining to recreational boating, hunting and fishing aboard the base. The position is Wildlife Manager with State and Federal appointments exercising authority to arrest.

Job Title

Biological Technician (Wildlife)
GS-404-7, and
GS-404-9, respectively.

Location

Provost Marshal
Office, Bldg.
4002, Midway
Park until
01-10-70 when
re-assigned to
Bldg. 1103,
Base Maintenance
Department.



Period Assigned

07-30-67 thru 10-12-74

Noise Encountered

Firing 38 cal. pistol on range for qualification. Infrequent artillery, tank, explosive ordinance exploding. Helicopters and jet aircraft. Use of Homelite chainsaw, serial #312927 to clear fish pond known as Hickory Pond. in July and August 1968.

Job Duty (3)

Responsible for directing with minimum supervision, operational management type programs covering the full range of fish and wildlife programs implementing National, DOD and Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Services are of a technical nature and involve substantial planning and budgeting and are goal oriented to overall above mentioned policy. Goal oriented technical services include biological monitoring, historical and archaeological site monitoring, review of military training impact assessments in terms of mission support and management of wildlife species under DOD multiple-use policy. This is a supervisory duty that directs the work in meeting these objectives through accomplishing established goals and sub-objectives.

Job Title

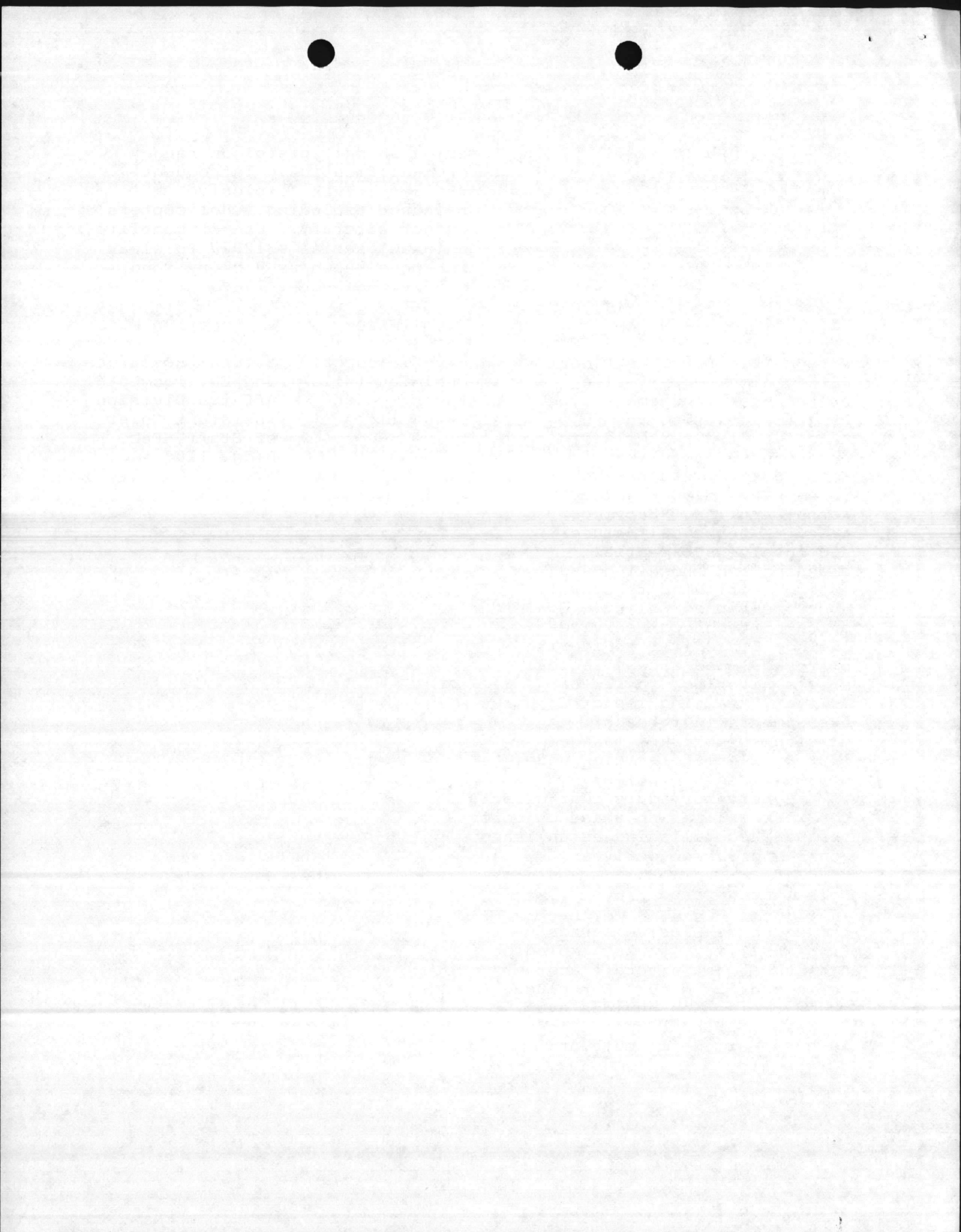
Supvy Biological Technician (Wild-life) (GS-404-11)

Location

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division Assistant Chief of Staff, Fac, Bldg. 1103.

Noise Encountered

Infrequent explosive sounds from artillery, tanks, exploding ordinance, jet aircraft and helicopters. Note: Ear plugs, sound protection devices are used when around expected noise such as equipment, outboard motors etc.



2. Noise encountered relative to Job duty 1-2 above

Firing .38 caliber pistol for practice and qualification on established pistol range. Frequent un-expected sounds involving artillery tanks, explosive ordinance, riding in military helicopters and jet aircraft fly-overs. Also operating outboard motors, farm tractors, and being around bulldozers. Also involved using Homelite Chainsaw, serial number 3129276, to clear fish pond known as Hickory Pond of brush in 1968. Note: Ear protectors not available through GSA System until mid 1970's. Average number of hours exposed to chainsaw per day was approximately 6 hours extending for 8 weeks during July - August 1968.

Noise encountered relative to Job Duty 3, Above

Less frequent un-expected sounds involving artillery, tanks, explosive ordinance, riding in military helicopters, and military jet aircraft fly-overs. Note: Hearing protection devices are now available, required and are used by me when around expected noise which requires the use of such devices.

4. Unexpected explosion of high-explosives at Wilkins Bluff, which occurred on 26 March 1987 while I inspected wildlife planting at TLZ Canary.

5. No past history of any ear problems except loss of high frequency hearing, which employee strongly believes were caused by using the subject chainsaw to clear the subject fish pond.

6. Sometime during late 1970's when all supervisors were instructed to purchase ear plug devices from the Self-Service Section for the supervision and each employee. When I became aware that hearing protection muffs available in the Self-Service Section in 1985, I voluntarily purchased a set for myself and each of my employees.

7. For my personal hearing protection.

8. No.

9. I was very fortunate for having a healthy childhood as well as a healthy adult life to the present. Childhood illnesses involved minor colds which were generally treated with decongestants and occasional shots of penicillin by my family doctor.

10. I use a 10 hp. riding lawn mower on my lawn, but only when wearing hearing protectors.



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NREAD
26 Mar 87

From: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune
To: Commanding Officer, US Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Base,
Camp Lejeune, (Attn: Head Occupational Health and Preventive
Medicine)

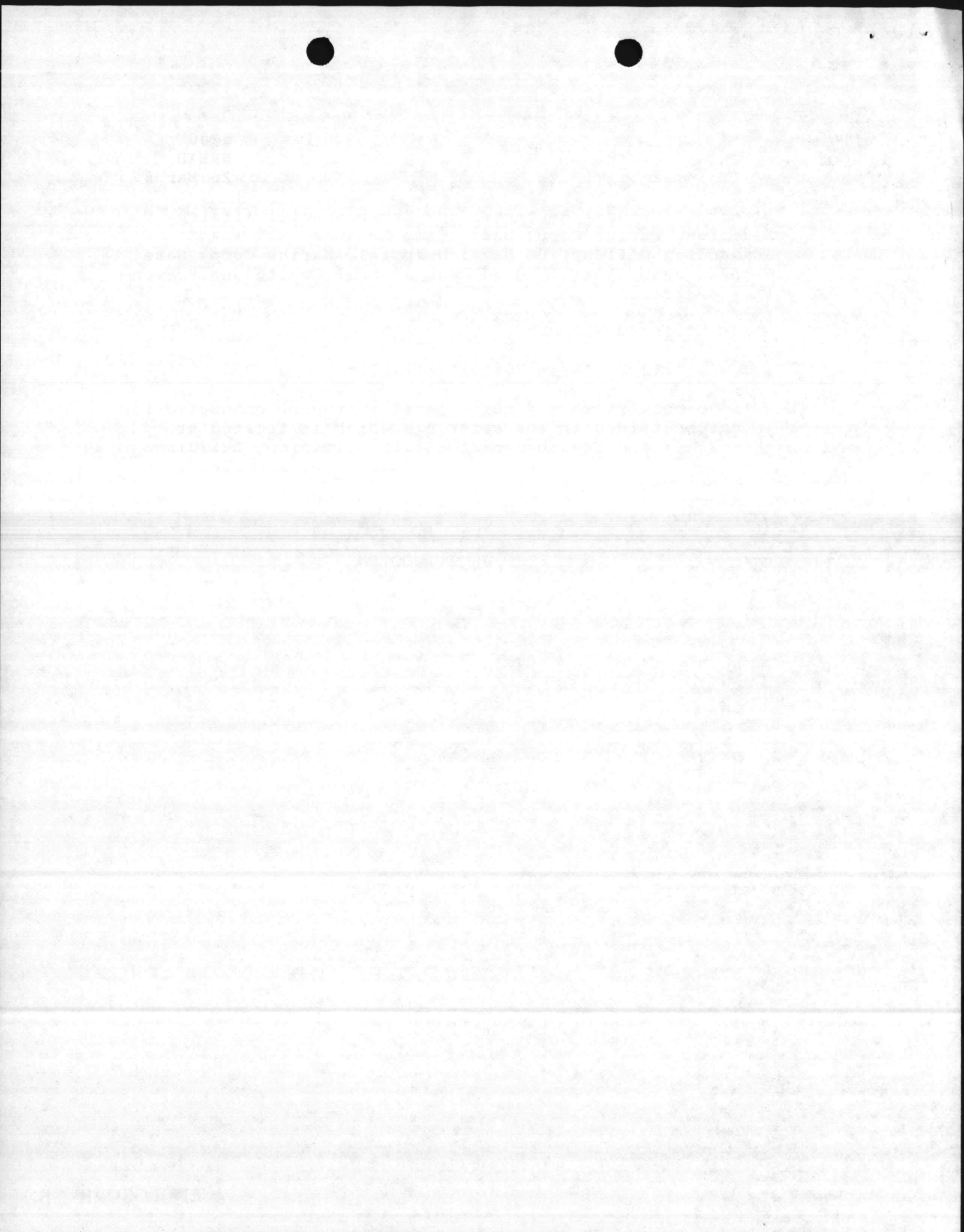
Subj: NOISE LEVEL SURVEY

Ref: (a) Homelite Chainsaw Serial #3129276

1. This is to request that a noise level survey be conducted for the equipment contained in the reference which is located at Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division, Building 1103. For further information, please contact Mr. Charles D. Peterson at extension 2195.

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ENCLOSURE (2)





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NAVAL HOSPITAL
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA 28542-5008



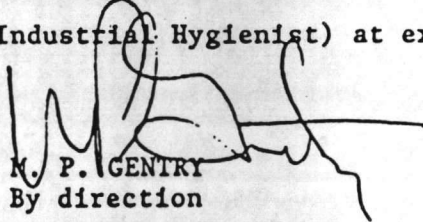
IN REPLY REFER TO
6260.3g/87-152-3a
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9 Apr 87

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542
(Attn: AC/S Facilities)

Subj: INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DIVISION

Ref: (a) Director, NREAD ltr 5200 NREAD dtd 26 Mar 87

1. In response to the request for the noise survey of reference (a), the Industrial Hygiene Branch, Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine Department is presently conducting a "walk-through" survey of the entire Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division. A noise survey will be conducted as a part of this survey.
2. At the present time, no specific date has been set for the noise survey. However, it will be started as soon as the "walk-through" has been completed and potential noise hazard areas and equipment identified.
3. Point of contact is Mr. J. Jones (Industrial Hygienist) at extension 2707.


K. P. GENTRY
By direction

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ENCLOSURE (5)

