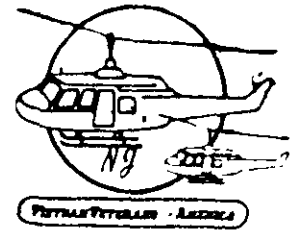




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Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

JAMES H. BURDGE, SR.  
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I've recently been appointed Chair of the State Council's Agent Orange/Dioxin Committee. Replacing Jim Burdge is similar to Jay Leno taking over from Johnny Carson. Jim's stepping down as Committee Chair will allow him to concentrate on his Health Study and as Chairman of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission. However, he will still keep his nose in VVA's Agent Orange affairs as a member of the Committee. Jim and I have worked together since June of last year on many issues both National and within the State of New Jersey. I cannot describe the respect I have for him and for the almost twenty years he has devoted to this cause.

The item on which I would like your input and support is the issue of dumping Dioxin tainted sludge from Newark Bay to a point six miles off shore into the ocean. The New Jersey State Council has taken a position against this dumping. We do support the dredging of the harbor as a necessity for the Port to grow economically by allowing entry of deep draft ships. However, alternate means of disposal or storage must be found instead of ocean dumping of this contaminated sludge. The galling part of this issue is that the contamination is caused by Dioxin leeching into the waterway from the old Diamond Shamrock Agent Orange manufacturing facility in Newark. The Dioxin then drifts downstream, contaminating the Bay.

I've enclosed copies of news articles, press releases, editorials and replies to those editorials. Your suggestions will be sincerely appreciated.

Warmest regards.

Michael Eckstein, Committee Chair  
Agent Orange/Dioxin Committee

P.S. - I would like to be added to the Agent Orange Coordinating Council's mailing list. If possible, would you please address all correspondence to me at my home address;

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cc: Gary Wall - NJ State Council President