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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE U S NAVY STEPS FOR A PLANNED REMOVAL ACTION
TO ADDRESS THE PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN SOILS AT AREA C SITE
8 AT THE FORMER NAWC WARMINSTER PA
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Department of the Navy has initiated steps for a planned removal action to address the presence of hazardous substances in soils at Area C, Site 8, at the former Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) National Priorities List (NPL) site in Warminster, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. An Action Memorandum prepared by the Navy, describing the planned soil removal and other actions designed to protect human health and the environment, was signed by the Navy on _____, 1999. These actions are being funded by the Navy, the lead federal agency for this project, consistent with the National Contingency Plan (NCP) Section 300.415 and the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act of 1990.

These actions are proposed as the next step of cleanup at the former NAWC Warminster under the Navy's Installation Restoration Program (IRP) in response to requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The purpose of the clean-up is to support the planned transfer of Navy property to local ownership for local public and economic benefit.

Site 8 is located in the northcentral portion of the former Navy base, adjacent to Kirk Road and a nearby park. The site was used as a fire-fighting training area and testing facility for fire-retardant clothing at the end of an abandoned runway extension. This extension is north of the former main runway at the base. A remedial investigation (RI) performed at Site 8 concluded that hazardous substances in surface soil could pose threats to nearby residents and ecological receptors. The primary substances of concern include lead and arsenic, which are both heavy metals.

The Navy plans to excavate surface soils at Site 8 which contain contaminant levels greater than protective risk-based concentrations; dispose of these soils at an off-base landfill; and place native soil "clean" cover for the excavated area. These actions will help eliminate direct exposure to contaminated soils; overland runoff to a nearby stream; and any migration of contaminants from soil to groundwater. If necessary, land use restrictions may be implemented at a later date to control certain activities (such as additional excavations) in the vicinity of the site.

The proposed combination of excavation, disposal, and native soil cover is an effective and cost-efficient method to reduce potential risks from Site 8. This removal action is already underway and is expected to be completed by March 1999.

Comments or questions should be directed to Mr. Tom Ames, Caretaker Site Office, P.O. Box 2609, Warminster, PA 18974-0061.

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