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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2000 AND THE  
AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4 ( OU 4 ) , OPERABLE  
UNIT 8 ( OU 8), AND OPERABLE UNIT 9 ( OU 9) NAWC WARMINSTER PA  
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The Department of the Navy and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the remedial investigation (RI) report, feasibility study (FS) report, and Proposed Plan for the cleanup of three operable units (OUs) at the former Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) in Warminster, PA. The Proposed Plan is issued as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program and in response to requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Two of the operable units (1) OU-4 - Area D groundwater; (2) OU-8 - Area D soils are in Area D. Area D includes Navy property west of Jacksonville Road and north of Street Road. Area D consists of the main building complex (Buildings 1, 2, and 3); as well as smaller support structures and facilities. These buildings were initially used for aircraft manufacturing and then later for research and development related to the testing of aircraft components and systems.

An interim remedy for OU-4 (Area D Groundwater) was selected in September 1997. The interim remedy was completed in July 1999, which consists of pumping and treating contaminated Area D groundwater, and discharging it to a nearby stream. The RI and FS reports for OU-4 support the selection of a final remedy for Area D groundwater. The objective of each alternative is to eliminate unacceptable risks associated with potential exposure to Area D groundwater. The alternatives are generally described as follows:

1. Take no action.
2. Existing Pump and Treat System with Monitored Natural Attenuation, Institutional Controls, and the Abandonment of Supply Wells SW-1 and SW-2
3. Modified Pump and Treat System with Monitored Natural Attenuation, Institutional Controls, and the Abandonment of Supply Wells SW-1 and SW-2

The purpose of the OU-4 Proposed Plan is to solicit public comment on the preferred remedy proposed by the Navy and EPA for the final remedial action regarding this contamination, which is modified pump and treat system with monitored natural attenuation, institutional controls, and the abandonment of Supply Wells SW-1 and SW-2.

For Area D soils, the RI report discusses the investigations performed by the Navy to assess if the activities that contributed to the Area D groundwater contamination resulted in soils contamination in this area. The report and the risk assessments performed support the determination that no remedial action is necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment, given current and reasonably anticipated future land uses for Area D. The purpose of the OU-8 Proposed Plan is to solicit public comment on the preferred option proposed by the Navy and EPA of no action.

The third operable unit is OU-9 - Area A media other than groundwater. Area A consists of Navy property west of Jacksonville Road in the northwestern portion of the facility, bordering the wastewater treatment plant at the base. Several locations within Area A were used to dispose wastewater treatment plant sludge, construction debris, and other general refuse by excavating pits and trenches. A series of unlined impoundments were also used to hold wastewater sludge. The RI/FS report and risk assessments support the selection of a remedy for soils and sediment. The objectives of the remedial alternatives are to eliminate unacceptable risks associated with potential exposure to site-related soils, to prevent the migration of soil contaminants to the adjacent Area A stream, and to prevent adverse sediment impacts to ecological receptors within the stream. The alternatives are described as follows:

1. Take no action.
2. Implement institutional controls and conduct environmental stream monitoring.

The purpose of the OU-9 Proposed Plan is to solicit public comment on the preferred remedy for addressing Area A soils and sediments. The remedy proposed by the Navy and EPA is institutional controls and environmental monitoring.

The public is invited to attend a meeting at the North American Technology Center conference room on **May 11, 2000 at 7:00 pm.** during which time the Navy and EPA will present and discuss the Proposed Plans for OU-4, OU-8, and OU-9. The address is 526 Jacksonville Road, Warminster, PA (north of Street Road). The community is encouraged to provide comments, ask questions, and participate in the discussion during this meeting.

The Navy also solicits written comments from the community during the public comment period, which is from May 1, 2000 through May 31, 2000. Send comments to Tom Ames, Caretaker Site Office, P.O. Box 2609, Warminster, PA 18974-0061. Please note that all comments must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2000. After considering public comments, the Navy and EPA will select final remedies for OU-4, OU-8, and OU-9. For more information, copies of the Proposed Plans, or directions to the meeting, call (215) 441-1112.