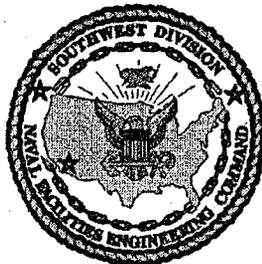


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U.S. Navy Begins Transitional Groundwater Extraction Activities at NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility

The Navy is notifying the public of the beginning of the transition from the time-critical removal actions for the extraction of contaminated groundwater near the dry well near former tank CL-2 to the remedial response activities for the Administration Area Plume (the Plume) at NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility. The time-critical removal actions, initiated as interim response activities in December 2000, have resulted in the extraction of approximately 50,000 gallons of groundwater and the removal of more than 50 pounds of volatile organic compounds (primarily acetone and gasoline) from the groundwater. The Navy is evaluating potential final remedial actions for the Plume, and the Navy plans to continue groundwater extraction activities in the vicinity of the former dry well until the potential remedial actions are evaluated, preferred remedial actions are proposed, and preferred remedial actions are documented in a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Record of Decision. Groundwater extraction activities conducted during this transitional period will continue to result in the removal of contaminants from the groundwater, reduce the potential for spreading of the contaminant plume, and contribute to the efficient performance of any anticipated long-term remedial action for the Plume. The transitional groundwater extraction activities are consistent with the requirements of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300.415. The Navy invites the public to comment on the planned groundwater extraction activities. The Action Memorandum for the time-critical removal actions, the Navy's routine status reports to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and other documentation pertaining to the Navy's environmental restoration program projects will be available for public inspection at the Patterson Branch Library until 30 July 2001.

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