

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. NAVY ANNOUNCES NOTICE TO CONDUCT THE FIFTH CERCLA FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ACTIONS FOR NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON

This notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Navy will conduct the fifth five-year review of previously implemented environmental cleanup actions at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Washington. Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (40 Code of Federal Regulation Part 300), a five-year review is required for NAS Whidbey Island because the selected remedial actions result in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining on a site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this five-year review is to ensure that the remedial actions selected in the decision documents for these CERCLA sites are functioning as intended and remain protective of human health and the environment. This will be the fifth five-year review completed for the CERCLA sites at NAS Whidbey Island. The previous five-year reviews were completed in September 1998, April 2004, September 2009, and August 2014.

This fifth five-year review will focus on the CERCLA sites that have undergone environmental investigation and/or remediation to address the potential impacts of contamination to human health and the environment. Specifically, this five-year review will comprise of CERCLA sites including Operable Units 1 through 5 (similar to the previous five-year reviews). Information, including remedial actions, regarding these sites is found on the NAS Whidbey Island Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) webpage: <https://navfac.navy.mil/NASWIRAB>.

The U.S. Navy welcomes written comments from the community during the five-year review process; comments will be accepted until Monday, July 23, 2018. Comments received from community members will be acknowledged and addressed in the fifth five-year review report along with the more formal interview responses received from members of the public and other stakeholders. A Notice of Completion for the fifth five-year review for NAS Whidbey Island is anticipated to be published in the fall of 2019 with the final report posted on the NAS Whidbey Island RAB webpage.

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