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Public Advisory

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting comments on the Navy's Interim Plan to close the former open burning / open detonation (OB/OD) units at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF) on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. This interim plan contains details regarding proposed investigation measures that will be used to determine the process for final closure of the OB/OD.

Interested individuals may submit comments on this interim plan for a period of 30 calendar days from today's date. The Agency will evaluate comments and either incorporate them or provide a response. **Comments should be submitted in writing, or via e-mail, no later than thirty calendar days from today's date to the following address:**

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EPA will hold a public information session on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at El Faro de Punta Mula in Isabel Segunda, Vieques from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for interested individuals to find out more information about the Interim OB/OD Closure Plan and other issues related to the continuing investigation on Vieques.

Interested individuals can view the Interim OBIOD Closure Plan on EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/region2/vieques or at the following locations:

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