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Dear Bethpage Resident:

I am writing this letter to keep you informed regarding our ongoing environmental restoration program at the former Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP), Bethpage, NY. Environmental investigations identified volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil at the NWIRP. VOCs are a class of chemicals that can evaporate easily into the atmosphere and include solvents, cleaners, and degreasers. These chemicals were used at the facility from the 1940s to the 1990s and a portion of the chemicals were released into the soil and groundwater.

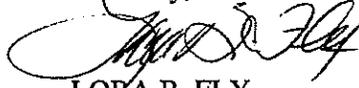
One of the sites with VOCs (the Former Drum Marshalling Area, Site 1) is adjacent to your neighborhood and we wanted to share information regarding the ongoing site investigation as soon as possible. A treatment system operated at the site from 1997 to 2002 and removed most of the VOCs. However, sampling conducted earlier this year found VOCs at the NWIRP property line that borders the northern part of 11th Street. Under some conditions, VOCs can migrate outward and into overlying buildings through a process known as "vapor intrusion" (see the attached fact sheet for additional details). *Although vapor intrusion is uncommon, we feel strongly that it needs to be investigated in this case because VOCs have been found at NWIRP and housing areas are relatively close to the existing property boundary.*

We are working closely with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct additional testing to determine if vapor intrusion may be an issue beyond the NWIRP property. During the coming weeks, we plan to install wells in street right-a-ways bounded by 10th and 11th Streets, and Maple and Sycamore Avenues. Drilling operations will be conducted during normal working hours, Monday through Friday. Additional actions will be coordinated with NYSDEC.

To answer any questions, the Navy will be sponsoring an informational meeting at the Bethpage Community Center, 103 Grumman Road West, Bethpage, New York on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. The meeting will be informal and consist of a series of poster stations to explain the history of NWIRP and current and planned future actions for the site. Representatives from both the U.S. Navy and the NYSDEC will be on hand to answer questions. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the ongoing project. We look forward to seeing you there.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (757) 444-0781.

Sincerely,



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