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APRIL 2016 THE BETHPAGE COMMUNITY CENTER NWIRP BETHPAGE NY
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Pictured from left: NSWCA treasurer and Hicksville Water District Commissioner William Schuckmann, NSWCA secretary and Oyster Bay Water District Commissioner Michael F. Rich III, guest presenter Paul Ponturo of Melville-based H2M Architects & Engineers, NSWCA president and Massapequa Water District Commissioner Raymond J. Averna and NSWCA first vice president and Plainview Water District Commissioner Andrew N. Bader.

At a recent meeting held by Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA), of which Massapequa Water District Commissioner Raymond J. Averna currently serves as president, guest speaker Paul J. Ponturo, P.E., senior water resources engineer with H2M Architects & Engineers in Melville, discussed with Long Island water commissioners scientific information and data regarding the water contamination crisis in Flint, MI.

"When Flint changed its water source from treated Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water obtained from Lake Huron and the Detroit River to the Flint River, officials failed to apply corrosion control treatment to the new water source," said Ponturo. "This resulted with lead contamination that created a serious public health danger. The corrosive

Flint River water caused lead from aging pipes to leach into the water supply, producing extremely elevated levels of lead."

Ponturo added that while many Long Island water providers utilize "infrastructures that are almost 100 years old New York State has strict water management compliance regulations in place for preventing such crises. Each Long Island water district follows these regulations and continually maintains their respective infrastructure to avoid potential water contamination, including lead leaching intrusion."

"Local Long Island water districts get their water from a sole source subterranean aquifer as opposed to lake or river water," said Averna. "While our raw water contains virtually no lead even before treatment, the public can see complete information on what is in the water of our 21 commissioner-run NSWCA member districts within each respective district's annual Drinking Water Quality Report."

—Submitted by the Massapequa Water District

PUBLIC MEETING NAVAL WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT BETHPAGE, NEW YORK

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016
Town of Oyster Bay
Bethpage Community Center
103 Grumman Road West
Bethpage, New York

Open House begins at 6:30 p.m.
RAB Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Navy is pleased to announce the 38th meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage (former Grumman facility).

An Open House Meeting will be held from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The Open House will consist of multiple information displays to allow the public to learn more about the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program at NWIRP Bethpage and discuss questions and concerns with representatives from the Navy, regulatory agencies, and community members serving on the RAB.

The thirty-eighth meeting of the RAB for NWIRP Bethpage will be held immediately after the Open House, from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The RAB is a forum for the Navy and regulatory agencies to exchange information with official RAB community members on environmental programs underway at NWIRP Bethpage. Agenda topics will provide an update on activities at NWIRP Bethpage. All RAB meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend, but please note that there will only be a limited amount of time for questions from the public following the RAB presentations. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Open House prior to the RAB meeting to ensure their individual questions are addressed.

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