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**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES NAVY'S INVITATION
FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
Proposed Plan
Operable Unit 1, Sites 14, 15, 17, 18 and 40
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina**

The Proposed Plan identifies the Preferred Alternative Remedy for past environmental concerns at Sites 14, 15, 17, 18 and 40 at Operable Unit (OU) 1 at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, and provides the rationale for this preference. The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes No Further Action (NFA) as the appropriate remedy because there is no unacceptable risk to human health or the environment at these sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Navy, the lead agency for site activities, and the support agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) issues this document. The Navy and the USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, will make the final decision on the Preferred Alternative for Sites 14, 15, 17, 18, and 40 after reviewing and considering all information submitted during the 45-day public comment period from April 6 to May 21, 2010. The Navy and USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, may modify the Preferred Alternative or select another remedial action for the OU1 Sites based on new information or public comments; therefore, public comments on the Preferred Alternative are invited and encouraged. Interested parties may submit written comments to:

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The Proposed Plan is based upon the findings of previous site-related documents contained in the Navy's Administrative Record for MCAS Cherry Point. The Administrative Record can provide important background and site investigation information about the Sites. The Proposed Plan and specific Administrative Record reference documents associated with Sites 14, 15, 17, 18, and 40 are available via the MCAS Cherry Point Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) public web site and can be accessed as follows:

1. Enter web site address: <https://portal.navfac.navy.mil>
2. Click on "Environmental" (on left) under the "Business Lines" heading
3. Click on "Environmental Restoration" (tab)
4. Select North Carolina on the interactive map
5. Select Cherry Point from the drop-down menu
6. Click on "Links"

Note: Some internet browsers do not include Department of Defense (DoD) digital security certificates, which may result in a security warning recommending the user not proceed. Though there is no harm in proceeding, to avoid such security alerts, first download the DoD Root CA Certificates by following the instructions at the following web site:

<http://dodpki.c3pki.chamb.disa.mil/rootca.html>

If you do not have personal access to the internet, access to the MCAS Cherry Point ERP public web site may be obtained at the Havelock-Craven County Library (301 Cunningham Boulevard, Havelock, North Carolina 28532) during normal business hours. The library can be contacted at (252) 447-7509.

In addition, you are invited to a public meeting regarding the investigations and the Preferred Alternative for OU1 Sites 14, 15, 17, 18 and 40 at MCAS Cherry Point. The meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Havelock Tourist and Event Center
201 Tourist Center Drive
Havelock, NC 28532
Phone: (252) 444-4348