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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
invites

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN INTERIM
REMOVAL ACTION AT SITE 16
AT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION,
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA**

The U. S. Department of the Navy (DON), the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point (MCAS, Cherry Point), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources (NCDEHNR) are conducting a public comment period on an interim removal for Site 16, the Landfill at Sandy Branch. A Focused Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Focused RI/FS) for Operable Unit 1 (OU1), Naval Aviation Depot area groundwater, located at MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina, was issued in February 1996. That document identified three interim groundwater treatment alternatives for Site 16.

The three options for addressing Site 16 groundwater are:

- in-situ (in place) air sparging
- extraction, pretreatment, and discharge to a sewage treatment plant
- extraction, treatment, and discharge to Slocum Creek

DON, MCAS Cherry Point, USEPA, and NCDEHNR have determined that the in-situ air sparging process would provide the most effective interim cleanup option for Site 16. This process will remove subsurface contaminants, resulting in a significant decrease in groundwater contamination and is consistent with long-term cleanup options for OU1 as a whole. The action would prevent contamination from traveling beyond the existing area of groundwater contamination.

The public is invited to submit written comments on this action during the public comment period, which begins on Thursday, February 20, 1997, and lasts for 30 days. The documents that describe this proposed action, the Focused RI/FS, a technical memorandum documenting the link between the Focused RI/FS and this interim removal, and a fact sheet on the project are available for review at MCAS, Cherry Point Library, Marine Corps Air Station, PSC Box 8019, Cherry Point, NC, and at Havelock Public Library, 300 Miller Boulevard, Havelock, NC.

Comments should be directed to:

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