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Info repository established

The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, has established an information repository at the base library and at two public libraries to make available to the public materials regarding the base's ongoing Installation Restoration (IR) program. The two public libraries are the Bayside branch in Virginia Beach and the Little Creek branch in Norfolk. The base library has the repository in the circulation area.

Since 1980 the Navy has been investigating and cleaning up past hazardous waste disposal sites on installations under the IR program. The project requires activities to review past hazardous waste sites; determine extent of potential environmental damage; develop community action plans; and establish a Technical Review Committee (TRC) comprised of federal, state, local, and citizen representatives to review proposed corrective actions.

The repository will include such items as reports of the studies conducted, copies of news releases, fact sheets, the community relations plan, and minutes from TRC meetings.

At the first TRC meeting, held January 10 at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, members reviewed the history of the IR program and the proposed actions for further testing and cleanup. Following a question-and-answer period they visited IR sites on the base.

TRC members are as follows: from Norfolk, VA, Mr. Claus Koepke, City Manager's Office; Mrs. Kimberlea Cowley, Assistant City Attorney; and Mrs. Carolyn Schaubach, community representative; from Virginia Beach, VA, Mr. Jack Whitney Jr., Office of Environmental Management, and Mr. Walter Vargo, community representative; from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Waste Management, Mr. Jim Adams and Mr. Khoa Nguyen; from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mr. Drew Lausch; from the Atlantic Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Ms. Nina Johnson, from Environmental Quality; from CH2M Hill, a consulting engineer firm, Douglas Dronfield and Frank Lewis, hydrogeologists; and from the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Commander Stephen W. Daignault, Public Works Officer; Mr. Wilkie Din, environmental engineer; and Mrs. Karen Parkinson, Public Affairs Officer.

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