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Navy Proposes Cleanup for Sites 9 and 10
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia Beach VA

The US Department of the Navy (Navy), the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region III, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) invite public review and comment on the Proposed Plan addressing contamination for Site 9, the Driving Range Landfill, and Site 10, the Sewage Treatment Plant Landfill, at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia Beach, VA.

The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Report discusses the risks posed by the site and presents an evaluation of the cleanup options. The Proposed Plan identifies a preferred cleanup alternative for the public to comment on along with the other alternatives considered.

A public meeting will be held on March 28, 2001 at 6:00 pm, Drexler Manor, NAB Little Creek, Virginia Beach, VA, to discuss the RI/FS Report and the Proposed Plan for the sites and provide interested parties the opportunity to learn more about the alternatives developed for each site.

The Navy evaluated the following three alternatives to address contamination at Sites 9 and 10:

Alternative 1 - No action.

Alternative 2 - Institutional controls with long-term monitoring.

Alternative 3 - Low-permeability cap with institutional controls and long-term monitoring.

Based on available information, the preferred alternative proposed for public comment is Alternative 2. This alternative includes land use restrictions to prevent redevelopment of the site and prohibitions on groundwater use beneath the landfills. Annual inspections of the existing cover on each landfill would also be conducted, along with groundwater monitoring.

The Navy, USEPA, and VDEQ support the preferred alternative. However, the final concurrence will be provided following review of all comments received during the public comment period, which begins March 28, 2001 and ends April 30, 2001. The preferred alternative could change based upon public comments.

Copies of the Proposed Plan and the Revised RI/FS for sites 9 & 10 may be obtained at the Public Repositories listed below:

Central Library • 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd • Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452 (757) 431-3100

Bayside Area Library • 936 Independence Library • Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455 (757) 460-7518

Written comments may be submitted to:

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