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THE UNITED STATES NAVY
is holding a
PUBLIC MEETING
to discuss an interim clean-up alternative
for the NAVAL EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER
Newport, Rhode Island

The Navy has completed the Phase I Remedial Investigation and has issued a proposed plan for the interim clean-up of groundwater contamination around Tanks 53 and 56 in Tank Farm Five. These tanks were used to store waste oil, and they are located in the Middletown portion of the Naval Complex. The proposed interim clean-up is not intended to be the final remedy, but to prevent the further migration of contaminated groundwater and to begin reducing the concentration of contaminants in the groundwater. The proposed plan consists of:

- A groundwater extraction system to remove contaminated groundwater.
- Groundwater treatment by coagulation/filtration and ultraviolet/oxidation.
- Discharge to a local wastewater treatment facility.

Prior to the formal selection of an interim remedial action, the Navy will be soliciting both written and oral comments on the proposed plan. Oral comments will be accepted on the proposed plan at a public hearing with representatives of the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. The hearing will be held:

Monday, June 22, 1992, 7:30 p.m.
Joseph H. Gaudet Middle School
Middletown, R.I.

Written comments on the Navy's proposed plan must be postmarked no later than July 10, 1992, and should be submitted to

**Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Northern Division
Attn: Francisco A. LaGreca (Code 1823)
10 Industrial Hwy., Mail Stop #82
Lester, PA 19113-2090**

Comments received during the public comment period will be formally responded to in a document called a Responsiveness Summary (RS), which will accompany the interim Record of Decision (ROD). Both the interim ROD and the RS will be part of the Administrative Record, which includes all of the documents used as a basis for this decision. Copies of the Proposed Clean-up Plan, the Phase I Remedial Investigation Report on which the plan is based, and the Administrative Record will be available June 10, 1992, for public review at:

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For more information on this program, please call the Newport Naval Complex's Public Affairs Officer, Mary K. Silvia, at (401) 841-3538.