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NAVAL BASE PROPOSED FOR NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

Norfolk, VA... Naval Base Norfolk has been nominated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be placed on the National Priorities List. This nomination was based on previous studies of sites located on Navy property. The sites were chosen to be studied based on historical records, aerial photos, field inspections and personnel interviews. Sites currently under investigation include landfills, a drum storage yard, a transformer storage yard, a pesticide disposal site and metal waste disposal sites. These sites pose no danger to the public or personnel residing and working aboard Naval Base Norfolk.

As part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program (IRP), Naval Base Norfolk is continuing its investigation of past disposal practices of municipal and industrial wastes. In 1994 a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was formed to keep the public informed of the progress being made in cleaning up past disposal sites.

The RAB is comprised of representatives from neighboring communities, city health and environmental officials, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. EPA.

The addition of the base to the NPL would assist in expediting efforts to cleanup the sites identified as requiring corrective action.

Three information repositories have been set up in local libraries. These repositories contain site studies and progress updates of sites listed in the IR program. The public can view these documents at Larchmont Public Library, Mary Pretlow Public Library and the Naval Station Library.

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