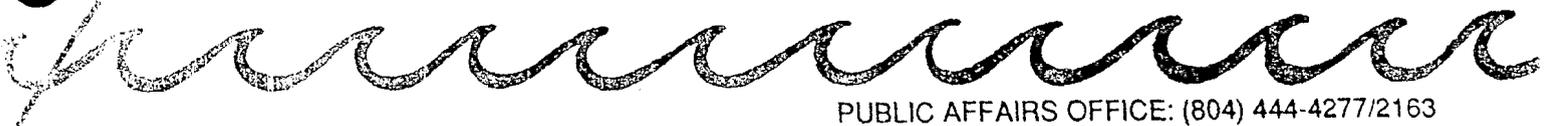


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## INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

**COMMANDER, NAVAL BASE, NORFOLK, VA** -- In an ongoing effort to keep the public informed, a team of environmental experts from Naval Base, Norfolk, met with residents whose homes border a former Navy landfill site this evening at 7:30 p.m. This is the third meeting with the residents to keep them informed on the progress of cleanup efforts at Camp Allen Landfill, which is a part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program. This Navywide program includes public input in its evaluation of the site and recommended cleanup.

The Camp Allen site is a forty-five acre landfill used from the early 1940's until 1974 for the disposal of wastes generated on Naval Base, Norfolk. In the spring of 1991, CH2M Hill, the Navy contractor, installed monitoring wells from depths of 25 to 60 feet around the perimeter of the landfill. CH2M Hill recently discovered contamination from organic solvents in several wells on Navy property including two wells within 500 feet of the Navy property boundary. Preliminary results, based on the initial round of sampling, indicate that contaminants in these Navy monitoring wells exceed Safe Drinking Water Act maximum contaminant levels.

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FYI,

this is the press release we plan on sending out tonight. It is already chopped and a copy is in PDR. Genzler.

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The Navy's concern from these findings is to further determine if this contamination in the ground water has migrated beyond Navy property. This does not affect the drinking water of the residents who use city water, but it could affect deep wells used by the residents for watering. There is no evidence that migration has taken place. However, to ensure that any water use is within safety guidelines and to help determine any possible migration, the Navy has offered to sample the wells of residents located nearby.

The Navy no longer uses this type of landfill and complies with all current environmental laws regarding disposal of waste. Additionally, the Installation Restoration Program is an ongoing effort to correct past practices.

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**MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

A media availability to discuss the Camp Allen site and a brief visit to the site will begin at 9:30 a.m. 26 June 1991. (A description of this site was included in the initial media briefing on all Naval Base Installation Restoration sites in January 1989).

**INTERESTED MEDIA:** Point-of-contact for the media availability is Naval Base Norfolk Public Affairs (444 2163). If you plan on attending, meet your escort at the Navy Tour and Information Office on Hampton Boulevard at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday.

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