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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commander, Naval Base Norfolk, invites public comment on the proposed cleanup of a former transformer storage area, an area behind Bldg. P-71, at the Norfolk Naval Base Public Works Center. Naval Base Norfolk is the lead agency for this action; and the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, is the support agency.

The storage area, covering approximately 1 acre, was used to store transformers. Oil leaked from some of the transformers onto the ground, contaminating the site. The oil contained Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's), a chemical used extensively until the early-1970's for its excellent insulating properties. The area was vacated and closed in 1986.

The Navy has evaluated several options to restore the contaminated site. They include excavation and incineration of the contaminated soils; excavation and disposal of contaminated soils in an approved hazardous waste landfill; performing a controlled site remediation; and no action. Based on a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), the preferred restoration option is to excavate and dispose of the contaminated soils in an approved hazardous waste landfill.

A remedy will be chosen after a 30-day public comment period. Commander, Naval Base Norfolk will select one of the options after taking the public's comments into account.

The RI/FS Report and the proposed Remedial Action Plan (RAP) are available for public review at the Mary Pretlow branch library in the East Ocean View section of Norfolk, the Larchmont branch library on Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk, and the Norfolk Naval Air Station branch library.

The public may submit written comments within 30 days from the date of this notice, or comment in person at the Naval Base Norfolk Public Affairs Office. If public comments and interest are significant, the Navy will schedule a public meeting to discuss the RI/FS Report and the proposed RAP.

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