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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED PLAN
AT OPERABLE UNIT 5 (OU 5) SITE 8 FORMER NAWC WARMINSTER PA
08/23/1999

LEGAL NOTICE

The Department of the Navy and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the remedial investigation (RI) report and Proposed Plan for the cleanup of Operable Unit 5 (OU-5) at Site 8 at the former Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) in Warminster, PA. The soils at Site 8 along with an adjacent nearby stream comprise OU-5 at the base. The site included two areas on a former runway extension that were used for fire-fighting training exercises between 1961 and 1986, as well as a former structure that was used to conduct flight suit testing activities. Site 8 is located adjacent to former Commanding Officer's house on Kirk Road. The RI report discusses the risks posed by OU-5. These risks support the determination that no further remedial action is necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment, given current and reasonably anticipated future land uses projected for the site area.

The purpose of the Proposed Plan is to present and solicit public comment on the preferred option for remedial action at OU-5. The Proposed Plan was issued as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program and in response to requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Based on available information, the preferred option proposed for public comment at this time by the Navy and EPA is no action. Although this is the preferred option, the Navy and EPA welcome the public's comments on this alternative.

The public is invited to attend a meeting at the U.S. Marine Corps Ivyland conference room on September 8, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. during which time the Navy and EPA will present and discuss the Proposed Plan for OU-5. Enter through Gate 33 located along Jacksonville Road north of Street Road and turn left past the guardhouse; the conference room building will be 150 yards ahead. The community may provide comments, ask questions, and participate in the discussion during this meeting.

The Navy also solicits written comments from the community during the public comment period, which is from August 23, 1999 through September 22, 1999. Send comments to Tom Ames, Caretaker Site Office, P.O. Box 2609, Warminster, PA 18974-0061. Please note that all comments must be postmarked on or before September 22, 1999. After consideration of the public comments, the Navy and EPA will select a final remedy for OU-5. For more information, a copy of the Proposed Plan, or directions to the meeting, call (215) 441-1112.

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