



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA 23691-5000

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Mr. Edgar E. Maroney
City Manager
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, VA 23667

Dear Mr. Maroney:

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) establish a series of programs for the cleanup of hazardous waste and spill sites nationwide. One of these programs, the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), is codified in SARA Section 211, and the Installation Restoration (IR) Program is included as a component of DERP. The IR Program focuses on the identification, assessment, and cleanup or control of sites potentially contaminated from past, not current, disposal operations. In most cases, the cutoff date distinguishing past and current operations is January 1, 1981.

Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown has been actively engaged in the IR Program since 1980 and has taken an aggressive, proactive approach to the problem of hazardous waste. Identification of past disposal sites has been completed. We have been gathering and evaluating information to determine the necessity for remedial action and to support the evaluation of remedial alternatives. It is at this point in the IR Program that we afford you the opportunity to participate in the long-term planning process for our remedial sites.

One of the requirements of SARA is to establish a Technical Review Committee (TRC) for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on actions proposed by this Activity for the cleanup or control of contaminated sites. This Committee must include representatives from the Navy, EPA, appropriate State and local authorities, and a public representative of the communities involved. To comply with both our obligation to the community to protect public health, natural resources, and the environment as well as the legal requirement for public involvement, a meeting is proposed for March 1, 1989 at the Naval Weapons Station, to brief you on the IR Program and participation on the Technical Review Committee. You are encouraged to provide a representative from the City of Newport News with appropriate technical background, as well as a community representative, to attend this initial informational meeting. EPA Region III and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Waste Management, have been previously notified and have already assigned representatives to work with us in this area.

For purposes of security, and to expedite entry onto this Activity, it is necessary that you provide the name, position title, and telephone number of TRC representatives to our Public Affairs Officer not later than February 22, 1989. These names will be entered on an access list, and the appropriate

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passes will be available at the Pass and ID Office at Gate 3, located off Route 143, on the morning of March 1st. In addition, a representative of the Station will be present to assist in directing you to the appropriate meeting area.

Please feel free to contact our Public Affairs Officer, Mr. J. Thomas Black, at (804) 887-4521 should you have any questions regarding establishment of this Technical Review Committee. A tentative agenda is enclosed for your information. My staff and I look forward to working with you in an effort to provide a safe, healthful environment for our community.

Sincerely,

R. L. MASTEN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure

(1) Tentative Agenda

Blind copy to:

LANTDIV (Sheila Ashton, Code 1152)

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SEA 6541E



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TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC) AGENDA

MARCH 1, 1989

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CENTER

BUILDING 31-B

FOR THE

INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM (IRP)

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YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

- 9:00-9:10 Welcome by Captain Robert L. Masten, Commanding Officer
- 9:10-9:30 Weapons Station Orientation by Activity
- 9:30-10:00 History of Navy's IRP and purpose of TRC in the Remedial Investigation (RI) process by Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division
- 10:00-10:30 Review of Remedial Investigation Interim Report by Dames and Moore
- 10:30-10:45 BREAK
- 10:45-12:00 Review of Remedial Investigation Interim Report (continued)
- 12:00-1:00 PM LUNCH
- 1:00-2:00 Review of Remedial Investigation Interim Report (continued)
- 2:00-3:30 IR Site Tour
- 3:30-4:00 Overview and Discussion of Public Participation Requirements by J. Thomas Black, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown