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NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER
SITE 1 PROPOSED PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

Meeting Held at the Isiah Frederick's
Community Center, 3312 Martin Luther
King, Jr. Boulevard, Gulfport,
Mississippi on Thursday, April 17, 2014,
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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1 MR. FISHER:

2 So the question was, what happened to
3 all the materials that were disposed of in Site 1?

4 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

5 Right.

6 MR. FISHER:

7 Between the time that it was put in
8 there and the time we started investigating the
9 site.

10 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

11 Right.

12 MR. FISHER:

13 So when you look at the history of Site
14 1, what it received was a lot of -- a lot of
15 things that would be kind of normal household
16 garbage. So those things are going to sit in the
17 ground and really not do very much of anything.
18 The plastic and the woods and the metal, it's just
19 going to sit there and slowly rot and degrade.

20 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

21 Okay.

22 MR. FISHER:

23 Other things, like fuel-related
24 contaminants, will get in the ground and not
25 travel very far and break down over time. And

1 they actually break down into harmless chemicals
2 from chemicals that might be harmful.

3 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

4 Okay.

5 MR. FISHER:

6 So we see that breakdown. Because the
7 landfill is so old, a lot of things in that
8 landfill had a long time to break down, and that's
9 why what we saw -- what you -- if you had gone in
10 in 1948, it looked a lot different by the time we
11 got there in 2011. So we saw the breakdown over
12 time of a lot of these things.

13 But what we found was that there really
14 wasn't any harmful chemicals leaving the site.
15 And when we went into the site, we didn't find
16 harmful chemicals at high concentrations. So
17 really, what we are trying to protect when we look
18 at the site, is protect people from getting into
19 that garbage and waste that was disposed of in
20 there.

21 And that's why when you look at what we
22 were trying to -- actually, the investigation,
23 what we are trying to do is put a cover on it,
24 just to prevent exposure to the stuff that's in
25 there, and that's what the long-term goal is.

1 And we're going to monitor the
2 boundaries to make sure nothing is leaving either
3 the ground water or the soil. So this site by
4 itself is not going to be something that would
5 leach out off of the base.

6 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

7 Okay. When you say you're going to put
8 a cover over it, that tells me there is something
9 down in the ground and you cover that up.

10 MR. FISHER:

11 Right. The waste is in the ground, the
12 garbage and the trash.

13 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

14 Okay. So with it being covered up,
15 water gets down in there --

16 MR. FISHER:

17 Right.

18 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

19 We're not going to have a runoff with
20 water coming down in there.

21 MR. FISHER:

22 That's what this whole investigation
23 was, was to see if there was a -- if the ground
24 water, the surface water that was getting into the
25 ground, was it creating a situation where waste

1 was moving off the site. And that's what -- the
2 results are telling us that, no, they weren't
3 leaving the site, but there were some contaminants
4 in the site itself. And that's what the cover is
5 going to do, is prevent that from leaving.

6 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

7 Okay. Now, half of these words, I don't
8 know what they are.

9 MR. FISHER:

10 Okay.

11 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

12 Okay. But now, how come when you start
13 looking back in that, like in 2012, you found
14 something in the ground?

15 MR. FISHER:

16 Okay.

17 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

18 How come it's something there?

19 MR. FISHER:

20 From the time it was disposed of, from
21 1940s?

22 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

23 Well, from 1948.

24 MR. FISHER:

25 Yes. So the good thing -- the good news

1 about the investigation is that we didn't find
2 that it spread very wide.

3 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

4 Oh, okay.

5 MR. FISHER:

6 It stayed pretty much where they put it.
7 And I think this is a better view of the site
8 right here. The waste that was put inside the
9 landfill stayed there, and we didn't see that it
10 migrated off of the site, away from it.

11 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

12 Oh, okay.

13 MR. FISHER:

14 So it stayed --

15 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

16 It's in this red line?

17 MR. FISHER:

18 This is -- this red line is the outline
19 of the site.

20 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

21 Well, it's stretching and it's going
22 out, isn't it?

23 MR. FISHER:

24 This is pretty much where they put the
25 waste initially, and we just are finding it's

1 staying where we put it -- or right where the Navy
2 put it.

3 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

4 Now, is this actually on base?

5 MR. FISHER:

6 Oh, yeah. It is right here, right in
7 the middle of the base.

8 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

9 Oh, okay.

10 MR. FISHER:

11 So what we did was, we put a series of
12 ground water wells around this to make sure that
13 the water -- we tested that water all the way
14 around it to make sure that it was not
15 contaminated -- it didn't have hazardous waste in
16 it. So the long-term thing we're going to do is
17 continue taking samples of the ground water all
18 the way around that site and make sure that
19 nothing is leaving this the site.

20 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

21 Okay. So right now, you are getting
22 to cover up this site?

23 MR. FISHER:

24 It's already -- it's going -- we're
25 going to leave the cover that's on there and then

1 make sure that it's got enough soil and make sure
2 that people can't get to it and into the waste
3 material, that's -- the landfill traps that's in
4 there.

5 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

6 Now, when I look at this picture, does
7 that mean -- you took this topsoil off and put
8 more there.

9 MR. FISHER:

10 We're just going to put more on top.

11 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

12 Okay.

13 MR. FISHER:

14 It was -- there was some soil there, but
15 we're going to make sure it's two feet thick.

16 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

17 Oh, you're going to put some more on top
18 of that?

19 MR. FISHER:

20 Uh-huh.

21 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

22 Okay.

23 MR. FISHER:

24 And this is a picture of a well and
25 there's -- one of our guys has a little pump in

1 there. He's pulling ground water out so he can
2 put it in jars and send it to a lab.

3 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

4 And see what's in it?

5 MR. FISHER:

6 Uh-huh. So we've done this all the way
7 around this site and we will continue doing it
8 every year for as long as there is a Navy, until
9 someone at the regulatory says, you can stop.

10 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

11 Oh, really?

12 MR. FISHER:

13 But right now, we have it planned for
14 the next 30 years. We will continue to take
15 samples of that ground water every year.

16 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

17 Oh, so you're saying right this --
18 today, but what you are doing now, we don't have
19 to be worried about that?

20 MR. FISHER:

21 This is not a site you would even need
22 to be worried about impacting what you drink or if
23 you even walk across this site, you would not be
24 exposed to anything that can harm you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT:

1 Okay. You had a Site 1 and a Site 2.

2 Where is the other site located?

3 MR. FISHER:

4 (Walking to another presentation board.)

5 (End of public comments.)

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