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Family housing residents to discuss NAS Jax cleanup operations

Two meetings are scheduled for family housing residents here to discuss the base's environmental clean up operations. The meetings are scheduled for 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, and will be held in the Religious Education Building, Bldg. 749.

Before the effects to the environment were known, it was common practice by private industry and government installations to dispose of potentially hazardous waste by dumping on unused property. Efforts to identify and

clean up these sites resulted in the federal program commonly known as the Superfund.

NAS Jacksonville is currently listed on the Superfund site list and is scheduled for inspection and, if necessary, clean up. Examination of the area located off Child Street is scheduled to begin later this month.

The meetings, headed by Kevin Gartland, Public Works Officer, Environmental Division will discuss the exact location of this site; the investigation work to be per-

formed; what residents can expect to see and safety precautions for residents living in the areas surrounding the study site.

"We want residents to be aware of environmental issues which directly affect them and to participate in making decisions about the clean up of this site," said Capt. Charles Cramer, commanding officer, NAS Jacksonville. "We are holding these meetings to provide timely and accurate information regarding these cleanup operations."