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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTION OPERABLE
UNIT 1 (OU1) NAS JACKSONVILLE FL
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**NOTICE OF U.S. NAVY'S PROPOSED PLAN
FOR REMEDIAL ACTION
AT OPERABLE UNIT ONE (OU1)
PUBLIC COMMENTS SOLICITED**

As part of the Installation Restoration Program at NAS Jacksonville, the Navy proposes to perform a Remedial Action, using the selected cleanup option, at Operable Unit One (OU1). OU1 included two Potential Sources of Contamination (PSCs): PSC 26, the Old Main Registered Disposal Area, and PSC 27, the Former Transformer Storage Area. The total area of OU1 is approximately 40 acres.

The Proposed Plan describes the five cleanup choices and provides the reasons for selecting the preferred cleanup option. The preferred cleanup option, Alternative 3, includes a cap/cover system over the dirt and refuse and intrinsic bioremediation of groundwater (breaking down contaminants using bacteria and nutrients already present in the environment). The cap/cover system includes a geomembrane (plastic cover) over a portion of the Old Main Disposal Area to stop water from filtering through, an 18-inch layer of clean dirt over the entire area, and a six-inch layer of grass and brush on top of the dirt to absorb rainwater and reduce water passing through to the cap/cover. There is a contingency plan included in Alternative 3 that will go into effect if this cleanup choice does not meet regulatory standards.

The contingency plan includes providing a carbon source and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) in the dirt to stimulate bacteria growth to break down the contaminants. The estimated cost is \$4.2 million; however, if the contingency plan is used, the cost could be \$7.3 million. These are estimates, the actual cost could vary depending on the effectiveness of this cleanup option. NAS Jacksonville invites the public to review the Proposed Plan, which is available at the Charles D. Webb Wesconnett Branch of

the Jacksonville Public Library, 6887 103rd Street after July 24, 1996, and submit written comments to:

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Written comments are due by 3 p.m., September 7, 1996. The public is also encouraged to attend a public meeting to discuss and comment on the Proposed Plan and selected cleanup option. The meeting will be at: 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, 1996 at the Holiday Inn, Orange Park, 150 Park Ave., (I-295 at U.S. 17)

Assistance for the hearing impaired at this public meeting is available upon request.



The Navy will summarize and respond to all written and oral comments in a Responsiveness Summary, which will be part of the Record of Decision for Operable Unit One.

For more information about the public comment period, public meeting, or any cleanup activities at NAS Jacksonville, please call Bill Dougherty at (904) 772-4032.