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GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION DISCOVERED

Groundwater sampling and analysis conducted this month under the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Installation Restoration Program (IRP) has detected a plume of contaminated groundwater. The analysis found the plume of groundwater contains vinyl chloride, a solvent by-product, and spans both base and off-base property.

This plume of contaminated groundwater is not the source of ST. Marys public drinking water which supplies the neighborhood. The plume is not considered to be a public health risk.

Although the source of the vinyl chloride has not been confirmed, the plume was found near the old Camden County Landfill. The plume has been detected beneath the old County Landfill and to within 10 feet of the right-of-way on the western side of Georgia Spur 40.

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Citizens living in the vicinity of the plume (Crooked River Plantation) were notified today in a door-to-door effort by Navy personnel. (Note to editors: a copy of the notice is attached.) Additionally, there will be a public meeting held on Thursday, September 3, to further address the issue. The meeting will be held at the Crooked River Elementary School at 7 p.m. All residents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

On-going monitoring is being conducted to further evaluate the plume, which will be remedied to acceptable standards. Future findings and actions in the IRP will be communicated to the public as they become available.

Questions regarding the public meeting may be directed to the Public Affairs Office at Submarine Base Kings Bay, telephone number 673-4714.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: ALL MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY EVENING.)