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Residents not worried about vinyl chloride leak

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Because most are on the city water system, Crooked River Plantation subdivision residents said this week they are not very concerned about potential contamination of the groundwater beneath them.

"If it happens, it happens," said Julie Eickhoff, who recently moved from San Diego, Calif., with her husband Ron. "At least (the U.S. Navy) was decent enough to notify us."

The Navy distributed a public notice to all residents of Crooked River Plantation Monday morning after discovering that the chemical vinyl chloride was leaking from the old Camden County

landfill on the base. The substance has been detected in groundwater near the entrance of Crooked River Plantation.

Included with the public notice for subdivision residents was a questionnaire to help the Navy determine who uses private wells and how they use them.

The Navy is asking residents to stop using their private wells. They are also requesting to use residents' shallow wells to determine the extent and degree of the contamination.

"Sure, they can use my well," said Larry Prinzel, who has a well with four points from 92 to 110 feet, which he uses to water his lawn.