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Subbase sets next groundwater meeting

Kings Bay Submarine Base, in conjunction with the city of St. Marys, has scheduled the third public information session on the contaminated groundwater "plume" discovered near the old Camden County Landfill.

The meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to distribute the results of private well testing and hydrocone sampling conducted in the Crooked River Plantation subdivision in November. Sampling was conducted on 51 private wells, in addition to hydrocone sampling along streets, rights of way, and on five private properties.

Homeowners who gave permission for well or hydrocone sampling on their properties are encouraged to attend the session to receive individual results as well as observe the presentation which will be given.

The presentation will explain how the investigation has progressed, what more is now known about the extent of the plume, and what the next steps are in the process. All subdivision residents are also encouraged to attend.

Speakers at the meeting will be Capt. Len Scullion of the subbase and representatives of

ABB Environmental Services which conducted the testing.

Those homeowners who had their wells tested and are unable to attend the session will receive their results by certified mail. The results are "raw" data and will not include any risk assessments.

Risk assessments will be forthcoming after the data is analyzed and submitted to regulators for review. The samples taken were analyzed in an on-site laboratory for the contaminants known to be common to the plume.

A portion of the samples were also sent to a second laboratory for extensive analysis and to double check the on-site findings.

The "plume" of contaminated groundwater was discovered ear-

lier this year. The plume contains vinyl chloride, a carcinogenic solvent by-product, and other volatile organic compounds. The plume appears to be moving westward toward the Crooked River Plantation subdivision.

Residents of the subdivision were asked in September to stop using their private wells as a precaution until more was known about the plume.

Residents are being asked to continue refraining from using their private wells. Public drinking water is not affected.

Questions about the information session or about the groundwater investigation should be directed to Bob Stellar at the Base Public Affairs office at 673-4714.