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Navy announces Crooked River tests begin Oct. 28

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U.S. Navy officials announced during a Thursday night public meeting that hydrocone testing for groundwater contamination and testing of select private wells near the old Camden County landfill will begin on Oct. 28.

A plume of vinyl chloride was discovered earlier this year during groundwater testing at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. Vinyl chloride is a known carcinogen when ingested or inhaled

in high concentrations over time.

Testing of the area will begin through the joint cooperation of the U.S. Navy, the City of St. Marys, state and regulatory agencies and ABB Environmental Services which is under contract to the U.S. Navy.

Captain Len Scullion announced at the meeting that the purpose of the testing is to determine the extent of groundwater contamination, the concentration of the contaminants and to

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evaluate for migration of the contaminants in the air and soil.

Hydrocone testing, which involves inserting a large metal probe into the ground to retrieve samples, will be conducted at the landfill site as well as in the Crooked River Plantation subdivision located from Plantation Drive to Spur 40. Sampling will begin in the streets and rights of way initially, but will then progress to private properties.

"Eventually we would like to test all the wells possible. The shaded area is an attempt to get some data. As we get results that will direct how we move the hydrocone," Scullion told the crowd of Crooked River homeowners gathered for the public meeting.

Frank Cater, who heads the project for ABB Environmental

services, said that testing will not be disruptive for residents in the area.

"We chose the direct push technology to minimize disruption for the community," he said. "With this method, damage to property is minimal."

According to Cater, hydrocone testing will not destroy any private property.

"Testing will leave one two-inch hole and two six-inch holes behind, but we have hired local landscapers to make landscape repairs," he said.

Cater said that testing will officially begin on Oct. 28 and will continue until Nov. 4. The crew will break and then resume

testing from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18. After the location and extent of the plume has been determined cleanup can begin, Scullion said.

Meanwhile, Crooked River residents are still advised not to use their well water or fish in Porcupine Lake.