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(KINGS BAY, GA) -- Additional testing at and adjacent to the old county landfill located on Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, will be conducted during the month of November.

During the week of November 7, water and sediment samples will be obtained from Porcupine Lake in the Crooked River Plantation subdivision. This sampling is part of continued monitoring of the water quality of the lake and to collect more data for the next phase of the clean-up program. Previous samples obtained from the lake indicated the plume of contaminated groundwater emanating from the old landfill had not affected either lake water or sediment.

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Soil sampling in and around the landfill will also start the week of Nov. 7, and should be completed by the end of the month. Environmental technicians will use a backhoe to dig test trenches and collect soil samples in an attempt to locate specific sources of contamination. Because the nature and quantity of materials that may be uncovered is unknown, all workers in the landfill will wear protective clothing.

During this work, air samples will also be collected, both in the landfill and along the eastern edge of the Crooked River Plantation subdivision. This is a precautionary measure in the extremely unlikely event of a release of elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the atmosphere. The air samples will be monitored and all work will cease should any increased levels of VOCs be detected.

Validated results from these two investigations will be available in early 1995.

Questions about this upcoming work or any aspect of the groundwater investigation should be directed to Bob Steller at the Submarine Base Public Affairs Office, telephone 673-4714.