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The Honorable Connie Maok
United States Senate
Room 2107, New Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Mack:

Naval Air Station Pensacola, like private industry in the local area, conducts a number of industrial processes and manufacturing operations using industrial chemicals. In the past, waste from our operations were disposed of by commonly accepted practices of the times. We now know that these practices may have resulted in significant risk to public health and the environment.

In 1980, recognizing this potential risk, the Navy embarked on the Navy Control of Industrial Pollutants (NACIP), a program designed to identify, investigate and cleanup hazardous waste sites. Investigation and testing by the Navy and private firms have been ongoing at Naval Air Station Pensacola since 1982. The NACIP program closely paralleled the Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act (Superfund), but was not procedurally the same. With the passage of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986, all federal facilities were required to comply with Superfund requirements and, though not funded through the Superfund, were eligible for National Priorities listing. The Defense Environmental Recovery Account (DERA) was established to fund cleanup of federal facilities.

Our studies under the NACIP program identified 37 potential hazardous waste disposal sites aboard the base. Site investigations indicated that 17 of these sites would require further investigation. Because of these old disposal sites, we anticipate that Naval Air Station Pensacola will be proposed for listing in the next update of the National Priorities List.

Because a Superfund site could have a major impact on the local community, we have designed a plan that will keep the local citizens informed and provide them the opportunity to become actively involved in the cleanup of these disposal sites. We have scheduled a news conference and tour of all

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