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NAS makes EPA list

It was announced yesterday by the Department of Defense that NAS will be placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's priority list for cleanup of 17 sites on base containing hazardous waste.

Placement on the list means that costs for clean up operations will be covered under the Defense Environmental Restoration Account and will not come out of any of the base's operating budgets such as maintenance or flight operations.

While the Navy will spend \$5.5 million for further investigations to determine how bad the sites are contaminated, it will not have to pay for the total cost of cleanup which could cost as much as \$100 million and, according to NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Harry Jupin, take up to 10 years to complete depending on the extent of contamination.

The worst of the sites is the old landfill west of A.C. Read Golf Course, an area where industrial waste was dumped from the mid-50s to the mid-70s.

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