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The Honorable Walter J. Ritchie
Florida House of Representatives
507 E. Fairfield Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32504

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

In December 1989, Naval Air Station Pensacola was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List of most serious hazardous waste disposal sites. We are in the process of determining the type and extent of contamination at the sites and most feasible method of cleanup under the U.S. Navy's Installation Restoration Program.

A significant feature of the Installation Restoration Program is community involvement. To be involved in the decision making process, citizens and local officials must be informed as to the type and extent of contamination, cleanup alternatives and possible impact on the community. In April, representatives from my Public Affairs Office and Facilities Management Department will begin the information process by briefing the Escambia County Commission and Pensacola City Council on details of the program and conducting interviews with private citizens and special interest groups to provide program background and determine the concerns of the community.

Enclosed is a copy of our Community Relations Plan, interview questionnaire and fact sheet. I seek your assistance in providing information to the citizens of our community about this program and the availability of additional information through the Naval Air Station Pensacola Public Affairs Office.

Sincerely,

HARRY A. JUPIN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Encl:

- (1) Community Relations Plan
- (2) Interview Questionnaire
- (3) Fact Sheet

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