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Waste disposal info available at local libraries

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Detailed information about hazardous waste disposal sites located onboard the Pensacola Naval Air Station is now available at the NAS Station Library, Pensacola Regional Library and the UWF John C. Pace Library.

NAS was placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List (NPL) of superfund sites in December of 1989 as a result of previous disposal practices involving hazardous sites.

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the NPL, the station conducted investigations to identify potential hazardous waste disposal sites. During these investigations, 37 potential sites were identified. Investigations of the individual sites indicate a little likelihood of hazardous waste at 20 of the sites. There are, however, 17 sites which require in-depth remedial investigations.

These investigations will be conducted to determine the type and extent of contamination present and what sort of action will be necessary to correct existing deficiencies.

Ecology and Environment, Inc., of Tallahassee has been contracted by Southern Division, Navy Facilities Engineering Command to conduct the remedial investigation and devise methods of cleaning up these old sites. The remedial investigation is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks. The investigation and clean up of the sites is expected to last several years. Emphasis will be placed on early identification and clean up of sites which pose the most immediate

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Staff photo by Art Giberson

Russ Bell (right) and Ron Joyner of the NAS Facilities Management Department, place copies of environmental studies, KPA documents, the NAS Community Relations Plan and other materials in the Hazardous Waste Information Repository at the Station Library. Identical repositories were established at the Pensacola Regional Library and UWF's John C. Pace Library.

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direct threat to the environment.

In addition to the investigation and cleanup of existing waste disposal sites, NAS Pensacola has initiated numerous programs to either eliminate or dramatically reduce hazardous waste generation.

The air station has also developed a Community Relations Plan which provides a brief history of the sites and results of previous studies. The plan outlines how the base will interact with the community to determine the most feasible cleanup alternatives and describes the programs developed to reduce or eliminate future hazardous waste disposal requirements. The community relations plan is included in the repository materials.

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