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**PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. NAVY CONDUCTING THREE
REMOVAL ACTIONS AT
NAS PENSACOLA**

The Navy is conducting three removal actions at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Work on the three sites will be completed by September 30. All removal and disposal actions at these sites will be accomplished by following current regulations.

Site 39 - Oak Grove Campground Area. A circular area approximately 800 feet in diameter, near the Oak Grove Campground, is littered with construction and demolition debris in the form of broken brick, concrete, tile, glass, coal and nails. Soil within the circle is darkly stained and surrounded by sparse vegetation. Soil tests indicated low to moderate concentrations of petroleum products, such as used oil or wood preservative. All stained soil will be removed and disposed. After the area has been completely excavated and tested to confirm contamination has been removed, the site will be filled with clean soil and replanted. Removal actions began on this site July 25.

Site 30 - Westland 5A. A cylinder shaped steel waste-receiving structure, approximately 60 inches in diameter and seven feet deep is located in a wetland area. The structure may have received plating wastes generated in the 1940's through the 1970's. Several byproducts of the metal plating process were present in the sediment samples inside and around the structure. The concern is that the structure could leak metals and various chemicals into the wetland area. To eliminate this possibility, the structure will be emptied and removed. The contents will be containerized and disposed in a hazardous waste landfill. The structure will be steam cleaned and tested to ensure all contaminants are removed before being disposed as scrap.

Site 32 - Former Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three main structures, a sedimentation tank, sludge drying beds, and a chlorine contact chamber, of abandoned wastewater treatment plant has been selected for immediate removal actions. While the system was designed for sanitary sewage, industrial wastes from plating operations may have been disposed through this plant. Analytical results identified concentrations of metals and chemicals. The three structures will be emptied of solid and liquid wastes. Small debris, such as dirt or mud, will be contained with the excavated waste and disposed in a hazardous waste landfill. Large objects, including the tank walls, will not be removed. The objects will be steam cleaned and samples taken until no contamination is verified. Soil sampling will be conducted after excavation to verify a clean status. The site will be filled with clean soil if all contamination has been removed. Wastewater created in this process will be captured, placed in containers and tested to determine if it should be sent to a hazardous waste landfill for disposal.

Additional remediation may be required at the

three sites listed above. If studies conducted after these removal actions confirm the presence of chemicals or petroleum products that could impact the environment, the Navy, in cooperation with the regulator agencies, will conduct further remedial actions to clean up the environment. The public will be notified through a similar public notice and be given the opportunity to review the Navy's plan and provide comments.

COMPLETE COPIES OF THE REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE INFORMATION REPOSITORIES SET UP BY NAS PENSACOLA. The repositories are located at the following public places.

West Florida Regional Library
200 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL
(904) 435-1760

John C. Pace Library
University of West Florida
Pensacola, FL
(904) 474-3180

NAS Pensacola Library
Building 633
NAS Pensacola
(904) 452-4362

The public is encouraged to review the Navy's Removal Action work plans and provide written and/or oral comments.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:

Commanding Officer
Southern Division,
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
2155 Eagle Drive
Charleston, South Carolina 29418
Attn: Code 18510

ORAL COMMENTS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING:

Michele Harrison,
Public Affairs Office,
(904) 452.2311

WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE.

The NAS Pensacola Technical Review Committee (TRC), established to review studies and methods of clean up proposed for NAS Pensacola, will review all written and oral comments provided during the 30-day comment period and will provide written response to all significant comments. The TRC consists of community representative and technical representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Navy.

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