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NAS PENSACOLA SITE 39  
PROPOSED PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

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Transcript of Hearing

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CAPTAIN TIM THOMPSON, Commanding Officer

MR. RON JOYNER

MS. MICHELLE HARRISON

1                   CAPTAIN THOMSON: Good evening. I'm Captain  
2 Tim Thomson, Commanding Officer of NAS, and we're  
3 here to review a proposed cleanup plan for a site at  
4 NAS Pensacola.

5                   Thank's for coming this evening. The fact  
6 that you're here indicates that you're interested in  
7 what's going on out at the Naval Air Station.  
8 Tonight's meeting is a part of a bigger effort to  
9 make our environmental program more accessible to  
10 the general public. In fact, in this same room  
11 earlier tonight we had an informal first meeting of  
12 our Restoration Advisory Board, a group that has  
13 come together to advise us on how our efforts can  
14 best meet the needs and concerns of the community.

15                  We have eight members of the community working  
16 with representatives from the EPA, the Florida  
17 Department of Environmental Protection, and the US  
18 Navy to review and comment on environmental actions  
19 taking place out at the Naval Air Station. I'd like  
20 to be the first person to invite you to the Board's  
21 first official meeting, which will be Tuesday, July  
22 25th at 7:00 p.m., most likely in this facility  
23 right here, but I'll refer you to the daily  
24 newspaper previous to that for any confirmation to  
25 the place.

1 Meetings are open to the public, and I  
2 encourage you to attend. This diverse group should  
3 make a positive impact on the responsiveness of the  
4 cleanup program. We're happy so many of our Board  
5 members have also stayed for this meeting tonight,  
6 and we appreciate their commitment. Tonight's  
7 agenda, though, is on a different topic. We're here-  
8 to talk about the proposed plan for Site 39, also  
9 known as the Oak Grove Campground.

10 At this particular site, we have reached a  
11 stage where a final action has been proposed by the  
12 Navy. Tonight we'd like to review this plan with  
13 you. Ron Joyner from our Environmental division  
14 will be up here in a few minutes to give you an  
15 update on the status of Site 39. After his  
16 presentation, we would like feedback from you and to  
17 open the floor for comments from you on our proposed  
18 plan.

19 If you have comments but would rather jot them  
20 down, cards are provided at the welcome table and on  
21 each chair. Your written comments on these cards  
22 can be submitted during the comment period tonight.  
23 Please drop them on the table as you leave.

24 If you need more time to digest tonight's  
25 information, you can take a card home, fill it out

1 at your leisure, and mail it in to us later. The  
2 cards are already addressed, so all you have to do  
3 is put a stamp on them and drop them in the mail.

4 And right now we're in the middle of our  
5 30-day comment period, which ends on the 30th of  
6 June. So, if you want your comments to be  
7 considered, please speak out tonight or be sure to  
8 have your card postmarked by June 30th.

9 And now Ron will update us on Site 39 and how  
10 we intend to proceed with that particular site.

11 MR. JOYNER: Thank you, Captain.

12 My name is Ron Joyner. I'm the installation  
13 restoration program manager NAS Pensacola. And what  
14 I'm going to talk to you tonight about is Site  
15 Number 39, give you a little bit of background on  
16 what we plan to do with the site.

17 Site 39 is located just south before Sherman  
18 Field. It's the active air field at the Naval Air  
19 Station. It's about 200 feet south of Oak Grove  
20 Campground, which is a campground located on the  
21 south side of Radford Boulevard.

22 Now, we found an area of contamination at Site  
23 39; we found an area of contamination just south of  
24 the campground. It was about 300 feet in diameter,  
25 and the area was littered with some broken brick and

1           apparently some building demolition debris. We  
2           believe that the debris came from a building that  
3           was demolished on the east side of the air station.

4                     Some soil samples were taken, and we found  
5           that the contamination was limited to the top 12  
6           inches of soil, and there were some areas where it  
7           went as deep as two or three feet, but it was mostly  
8           limited to the top of the soil. Some metals were  
9           found at the site; and, when I say metals, I mean  
10          like aluminum, magnesium, calcium were found. And  
11          also in the ground water we found some volatile  
12          organic compounds. Apparently there was diesel  
13          products, petroleum products that were dumped at the  
14          site.

15                    Now, according to the findings of the remedial  
16          investigation, the most cost effective remedy of the  
17          site was to remove and dispose of the top 12 inches  
18          of the soil. So, in July of 1994 there were 864  
19          tons of soil removed from the site and was replaced  
20          with clean fill.

21                    After the removal, the soil posed no risk to  
22          human health or the environment. Some ground water  
23          sampling was also conducted at that time. The  
24          bottom line is the contamination is of little  
25          concern to the current users of the site.

1                   Now, right now we're in the stage or the  
2 process where the final cleanup option of the site  
3 will be selected. Because of the removal that took  
4 place last summer, the option that we have proposed  
5 is a "no further action" option. It's been chosen  
6 because Site 39 no longer poses a threat to human  
7 health or the environment.

8                   This option doesn't mean that we will not  
9 continue to address the site. We do expect to  
10 review the site five years from now to make sure  
11 that no contamination has migrated on the site. The  
12 Navy, EPA and FDP all concur with this option.

13                   There is no risk to current users. We did  
14 find small levels of contamination there, but  
15 they're within the reference concentrations out at  
16 the Naval Air Station. You will find contamination  
17 at nearly every site that you go to, but the  
18 contaminants are at levels that are not a risk to  
19 human health or the environment.

20                   As Captain Thomson mentioned, we have a public  
21 comment period that's going to end on June the 30th,  
22 and all your comments need to be postmarked on or  
23 before that day.

24                   The purpose of this meeting was to give you a  
25 chance to air your concerns or to answer any

1 questions that you may have. Now, full copies of  
2 the proposed plans that have been generated can be  
3 found at the three information repositories. One is  
4 the John C. Pace Library at the University of West  
5 Florida, also the West Florida Regional Library at  
6 Gregory Street, Downtown Pensacola, and the third  
7 repository is located in is Building 633 on board  
8 the Naval Air Station. It's a library we have on  
9 base. Information on these repositories can be  
10 found at the welcome table outside.

11 What we intend to do is review all the  
12 comments, address those significant comments, and  
13 they'll be summarized in the responsiveness summary  
14 of the record of decision. And this summary will  
15 also be placed in the information repositories that  
16 I've just mentioned.

17 I'd like to turn it over to Michelle Harrison  
18 now with the Community Relations Department at NAS  
19 Pensacola.

20 MS. HARRISON: Good evening. At this point  
21 we'd like to open up the floor to comments. We want  
22 you to remember that the purpose of this meeting is  
23 to give you the opportunity to express your thoughts  
24 and feelings about the proposed plans for Site 39.  
25 We are really here to address the questions or

1 concerns and to make sure we get your comments down  
2 by the court reporter so they can be addressed by  
3 the partnering team, the decision-making body of the  
4 Navy and EPA in the state.

5 We do have a court reporter here tonight, as I  
6 said, and her job is to get your comments down  
7 accurately so they may be addressed correctly by the  
8 decision-making team. These comments and their  
9 written responses will be made a matter of public  
10 record and placed in our information repositories  
11 for public review.

12 For the sake of our recorder, please state  
13 your name clearly before you make your comments. In  
14 addition, please limit your comments to three  
15 minutes each until everyone has had a chance to  
16 speak.

17 Now I will open the floor for anyone that  
18 would like to make any comment on the proposed plan  
19 for Site 39.

20 I appreciate everybody's interest in coming  
21 here tonight. If you did not have a chance to speak  
22 or did not feel like speaking here tonight but you  
23 still want to make a comment, please use the comment  
24 cards that are in your chair or out at the front  
25 table as you entered. The comments we receive

1 through June 30th will be addressed by the  
2 partnering team, the decision-making group comprised  
3 of the Florida Department of Environmental  
4 Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency,  
5 and the Navy.

6 If necessary, the plan will be changed to  
7 reflect your comments. In any case, the partnering  
8 team will respond in writing to any significant  
9 comments. These responses will be placed in the  
10 information repositories for public review.  
11 Information on the repositories is located in the  
12 lobby.

13 At this point, I'd like to turn it back to  
14 Captain Thomson so he can address you one more  
15 the. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: I want to make sure that we allow  
17 enough t h e here if we've got comment. If you do,  
18 please step forward to the microphone here and we'll  
19 listen. I realize most of the people here are from  
20 the RAB that we just had, but, still, I want to make  
21 sure you feel comfortable if you so desire to  
22 address the comments tonight.

23 Okay. In that case, I want to thank you for  
24 coming tonight. Your interest and input is  
25 extremely important in this process, and we hope

1           that you will continue to participate in the  
2           program. Our restoration advisory board is a  
3           perfect forum for you to stay on top of our program  
4           and give us your input on a regular basis.

5                        Again, the first advisory board meeting will  
6           be Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m., hopefully in  
7           this facility here. Again, thank you for coming  
8           tonight, and please drive carefully on your way  
9           home.

10                       (WHEREUPON, the hearing was concluded at 7:44  
11           p.m. this date.)

