

NAS PENSACOLA PUBLIC MEETING ON OU 10 PROPOSED PLAN.

The U.S. Navy, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), has prepared its proposed plan for Operable Unit 10, which includes Installation Restoration Bites 32, 33 and 35, at NAS Pensacola. The proposed plan presents the Navy's preferred alternative as well as the other cleanup alternatives considered. The public is asked to review the plan, and provide their insight. This proposed plan is open to public comment from February 19 through April 4, 1996.

Operable Unit 10 (OU 10), is comprised of sludge drying beds, ponds, and other property once associated with the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant. OU 10 occupies approximately 26 acres on Magazine Point at NAS Pensacola. Environmental considerations at OU 10 stem from use of the property as part of the treatment plant process.

Extensive studies have concluded that risk to human health would only occur if the facility were used as a residential area. The Navy's proposed plan addresses the potential for impact to human health and long-term cleanup of soil and groundwater. After evaluating many options, the Navy has determined the most protective and cost-effective solution will be to limit the property to industrial use.

Although studies indicate there is no risk to industrial users of the site, soil will be tested to ensure the areas of contamination are not impacting groundwater. If soil is having an impact on the groundwater, steps will be taken to ensure that source of groundwater contamination is removed. To reach the groundwater cleanup goals, the existing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) groundwater treatment system will be modified to contain the contaminated groundwater.

USEPA and FDEP concur with the Navy's preferred alternative. Now the Navy wants to hear the community's opinion. You are invited to a public meeting being held to present the preferred option as well as the other options that were considered. A final decision will not be made until the community has had the opportunity to voice its opinions and concerns about the alternatives, including the Navy's preferred alternative.

The meeting will be held:

Tuesday, February 27, 1996, 7 p.m.
Building 3000
Pensacola Junior College - Wamngton Campus
5555 West Highway 98
Pensacola, Florida 32507

Written Comments may be submitted to:

Commanding Officer
NAS Pensacola, Code 00500
Attn: Ron Joyner
190 Radford Road
Pensacola, Florida 32508-5217

**Written comments must be postmarked
by April 4, 1996**

The Proposed Plan may be reviewed in the three Information Repositories established by NAS Pensacola.

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