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42 AND OPERABLE UNIT 6 NAS PENSACOLA FL
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SUBJECT

Public Notice for Sites 1, 2, 17, 42 and OU 6
Public Comment Period, NAS Pensacola,
Pensacola, Florida

PAGES

3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS

Attached is the draft public notice for the December 8, 1997 to January 22, 1998 public comment period for the above referenced sites. Please review it and call me at (901) 372-7962 or e-mail me at adennen@ensafe.com with your comments by November 24, 1997.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Naval Air Station Pensacola
Proposed Plans - Operable Units 1, 3, 6, 14 and 17
DRAFT Public Notice

The U.S. Navy has issued proposed remedial action plans also called proposed plans for the following operable units (sites) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida: **Operable Unit 1 (Site 1)** – Inactive Sanitary Landfill; **Operable Unit 3 (Site 2)** – Waterfront Sediments; **Operable Unit 17 (Site 42)** – Pensacola Bay, **Operable Unit 14 (Site 17)** – Transformer Storage Yard; and; **Operable Unit 6** which includes **Site 9** – the Navy Yard Disposal Area, and **Site 29** – the Soil South of Building 3460.

Proposed plans have been written for the five operable units listed above. Each proposed plan provides background on the site, investigative findings, human and ecological risk information, and the remedial alternatives that have been evaluated for the site. Also included in the proposed plan is the preferred alternative. The proposed plans are available to the public in the information repositories at the NAS Pensacola Library in Building 633 on the Naval Air Station and at the John C. Pace Library at the University of West Florida.

Listed below is a summary of the proposed alternatives that are being recommended for each of the sites. The Navy, in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), will not select a final alternative until public comment has been considered.

Site 1 – Natural Attenuation for the Landfill with interception of groundwater before it reaches Wetland 3. Natural attenuation consists of leaving the contaminated subsurface soil and groundwater in place, allowing natural processes to degrade the contaminants. Institutional controls (such as designation of the site as "industrial only") would be implemented to limit access and prevent the use of groundwater at the site. If groundwater use were to change to drinking water use, it would be treated before use if it still posed a risk. Also, 15 additional monitoring wells would be installed, and a sampling and analysis program would be conducted throughout the actual process to confirm that degradation is proceeding at rates that meet cleanup objectives. The tar pit would be excavated and properly disposed. Groundwater would be intercepted in the Wetland 3 area and treated before discharge.

Site 2 – Monitoring. This alternative would leave contaminated sediment in place. A monitoring program will assess whether contaminant levels are decreasing, if new sediment is being deposited, and whether toxic effects to organisms are decreasing. This alternative poses no risk to people and no excess risk to the ecosystem

Site 42 – No Action. This alternative consists of leaving the site as it is. No additional sampling or monitoring will be required. This alternative will be protective, cost-effective, and will achieve all federal and state requirements. The barge loading dock, an area of moderate ecological risk, will be investigated under the Florida petroleum program.

Sites 9 and 29 – *No Action*. This alternative consists of leaving the site as it is. No additional sampling or monitoring will be required. This alternative will be protective, cost-effective, and will achieve all federal and state requirements.

Site 17 – *No Action*. This alternative consists of leaving the site as it is. No additional sampling or monitoring will be required. This alternative will be protective, cost-effective, and will achieve all federal and state requirements.

The U.S. Navy is accepting written comments from December 8, 1997, to January 22, 1998, to encourage public input and participation in the selection process. During this process, a public meeting may be held in conjunction with the public comment period if a timely request is made. Written comments, request for a public meeting, or requests for information should be directed to:

Commanding Officer
NAS Pensacola, Code 00500
Attn: Ron Joyner
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For More Information: Proposed plans, remedial investigation and focused feasibility reports, and other documents associated with these sites may be found in the public information repositories established at the NAS Pensacola Library in Building 633 on the Naval Air Station, and at the John C. Pace Library at the University of West Florida.