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Naval Air Station Whiting Field Environmental Enters Second And Final Phase Of Remedial Investigation

Naval Air Station Whiting Field is in the second and final phase of its Remedial Investigation (RI) under the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) to determine the nature and extent of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from past waste disposal practices and accidental spills of hazardous materials. The RI follows confirmation studies which identified potential hazardous waste sites and confirmed those in need of further investigation. Due to the extensive nature of the RI, portions of this phase of investigation are likely to continue into 1994. Upon completion of this investigation, cleanup plans will be developed for public review.

To date, field investigations conducted during Phase Two include: a geophysical survey, a soil gas survey, and surface water and sediment sampling.

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The geophysical survey uses electrical impulses to determine the boundaries and depths of previous waste disposal areas. A soil gas survey has been conducted to identify contaminant source areas by the organic vapors they release to the voids in the soil. Surface water and sediment sampling of Clear Creek has also been completed.

Findings throughout the program will be communicated to the public on an on-going basis. A Technical Review Committee (TRC) of Navy and regulatory representatives and local citizens meet regularly to review progress in the program. A TRC meeting was held on 7 July 1992 at NAS Whiting Field to discuss the Phase One findings and Phase Two program. A public information file has also been established in the Reference Section of the Milton Public Library. To be added to a mailing list for further information or questions about the IRP, contact the Public Affairs Office at NAS Whiting Field, telephone: (904)623-7651.