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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
Invites
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLANS
For
SITE 3 - PISTOL RANGE LANDFILL
And
SITE 49 - TCE GROUNDWATER PLUME IN THE 400 AREA
FORMER NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
WHITE OAK
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
Under the
INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

In accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Department of the Navy (Navy) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invite public comment on the Proposed Plans for Site 3, the Pistol Range Landfill and Site 49, the Trichloroethylene (TCE) Groundwater Plume in the 400 Area at the former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), White Oak. **Public comment will begin on July 1, 2004 and close on July 30, 2004. A public meeting is scheduled at 6:30 PM on July 13, 2004 at Riderwood Village, 3110 Graceville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland to present the Proposed Plans and answer questions.** The public is encouraged to provide comments, ask questions, and participate in discussion during the meeting.

The Proposed Plan for Site 3 recommends no further action as the preferred alternative because the removal action has reduced site risks and the potential for contaminant migration. After the Site 3 removal action was completed, soil and groundwater samples were collected and evaluated. Based on the results of these investigative activities, the Navy and EPA concluded that no further action is needed at the site.

A Feasibility Study for Site 49 has been completed that supports in-situ chemical oxidation of chemicals in the groundwater (treating the groundwater contamination in place) as the preferred alternative to reduce the potential risks from exposure to site groundwater. The preferred alternative also includes long-term monitoring of the groundwater to ensure that those chemicals that are not directly destroyed by the in-situ treatment decay naturally over time. Institutional controls to keep people from using the groundwater will also be put in place until the cleanup goals are met.

The Proposed Plans are issued as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program. The Proposed Plans describe the background and rationale for the selection of the remedies preferred by the Navy and EPA and solicits public comment on those remedies. The public is encouraged to comment on the proposals. Final remedies will be selected only after the public comment period, and alternative remedies may be selected after the comments that are received are considered.

The Site 3 Risk Assessment, Site 49 Feasibility Study, and other relevant environmental documents for the former NSWC-White Oak are available for review by the public at either of the following repositories:

Montgomery County Public Library, White Oak Branch
11701 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 622-2492

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM-8:30 PM, Friday
10:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake
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Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Comments may be written and mailed (postmarked by the closing date of July 30, 2004) to:

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