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**THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
Invites
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN
For
Sites 5 and 13, Groundwater and Soil - Open Burn Area and Oil Sludge Disposal 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 and the Resource Conservation and Recovery ACT, the Department of the Navy and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invite public comment on the Proposed Plan for Installation Restoration Program Site 5 and 13, the Open Burn Area and Oil Sludge Disposal Area at the former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), White Oak. **Public comment will begin on September 30, 2003 and close on October 30, 2003. A public meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2003 at the Village Square Music Room at Riderwood Village, 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, Maryland (301-572-8319), to present the Proposed Plan and answer questions.** The public is encouraged to provide comments, ask questions, and participate in discussion during the meeting. **The Former Naval Surface Warfare Center-White Oak Restoration Advisory Board will meet immediately following the Public Meeting.**

A remedial investigation and feasibility study have been completed for Operable Unit 1, of which the groundwater at Site 5 and 13 are a part. A separate remedial investigation has been conducted for the soil at Sites 5 and 13. These documents support a decision that remedial action is needed to address groundwater contamination. The Proposed Plan identifies in-situ chemical reduction with zero-valent iron along with monitored natural attenuation and institutional controls as the preferred alternative to mitigate any potential risks from exposure to site groundwater. No further action is proposed for the soil because contaminated soil has previously been excavated from the site.

The Proposed Plan is issued as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program. The purpose of the Proposed Plan is to describe the background and rationale for the selection of the remedy preferred by the Navy and EPA and to solicit public comment on that remedy. The public is encouraged to comment on this proposal. A final remedy will be selected only after the public comment period, and an alternative remedy may be selected after the comments that are received are considered.

Relevant environment documents for Sites 5 and 13 and 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, and
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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1314 Harwood Street SE
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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 October 30, 2003) to:

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