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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

**Invites
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSED PLAN**

**for
Site 11 Groundwater – Industrial Wastewater Disposal 100 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 Plan for Installation Restoration Program Site 11 Groundwater, the Industrial Wastewater Disposal 100 Area at the former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), White Oak. **Public comment will begin on May 9, 2003 and close on June 8, 2003. A public meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM on May 22, 2003 at Hillandale Center for the Handicapped, 10901 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland to present the Proposed Plan and answer questions.** The public is encouraged to provide comments, ask questions, and participate in discussion during the meeting.

A Groundwater Report and Corrective Measures Study have been completed for the site and support a decision that remedial action is needed. The Proposed Plan recommends Hot-spot In-situ Bioremediation and Source Removal with long-term monitoring and institutional controls as the preferred alternative to mitigate any potential risks from exposure to site groundwater. Removal of the sources for the existing groundwater contamination (performed earlier), combined with active groundwater bioremediation and institutional controls on the use of the site groundwater will effectively mitigate potential risk from exposure to groundwater at Site 11 and restore the groundwater quality.

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 environmental documents for Site 11 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

Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake
1314 Harwood St SE
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20374-5018
(202) 685-0061

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Comments may be written and mailed (postmarked by the closing date of June 8, 2003) to:

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For further information, please contact Mr. Walter Legg at (202) 685-0061 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.