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LETTER REQUESTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR UPCOMING MEETING TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PURIFICATION PROJECTS NWIRP BETHPAGE NY
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Dear Resident,

We are writing to share some important information concerning two meetings that you may wish to attend pertaining to a proposed drinking water purification project in your neighborhood.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic of the U.S. Navy is seeking approval from the local Board of Appeals to build a moderate-sized building that will hold water-filtering equipment at 670 Seaman's Neck Road in Levittown (property of a local water provider). The U.S. Navy may also install two temporary water filters. This project would be undertaken for the benefit of Aqua New York, Inc. to help remove contaminants and ensure high-quality drinking water for the surrounding area.

Though the federal government is not subject to local zoning regulations, the U.S. Navy has decided to hold two meetings so that the public may become better informed about the planned project. The first will be held at the Seaford Public Library on January 10, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. The U.S. Navy has also agreed to appear before the local Board of Appeals for a public hearing on January 25 at 2 p.m.

We commend the U.S. Navy for holding these meetings so that residents can be better informed and have an opportunity to express their thoughts, views and concerns on the proposal.

The Board of Appeals is an independent governmental body, separate and distinct from the Town Board on which we serve. Indeed, we are prohibited under law from participating in the Board of Appeals' decision-making process. At the same time, the Board of Appeals welcomes the comments of members of the public at its hearings. Residents who are unable to attend the hearing, but wish to be heard on the matter, may submit their comments in writing before the January 25, 2012 (2 p.m.) hearing date, online at www.toh.li/board-of-appeals/hearings-comment-form or by mail to:

Mr. David Weiss
Chairman of the Board of Appeals
One Washington Street
Hempstead, NY 11550

We hope that you found this letter informative, and we will continue to keep you apprised of community issues affecting you.

Sincerely,


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Councilman