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Subj: RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

1. In coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Navy is holding a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting to present and discuss remediation alternatives and solicit public input on the Proposed Plans. The meeting will be held:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004 AT 7:00 PM
Colts Neck Library Building
Small Meeting Room
1 Winthrop Drive (near Town Hall), off Cedar Avenue
Colts Neck, New Jersey

The United States Navy invites you to discuss remedial alternatives for Sites 6 (former Landfill Site), 12 (former Battery Storage Area), 15 (former Sludge Disposal Area) and 17 (former Landfill), together designated Operable Unit 9 (OU 9), and the Site 26 Perchloroethylene (PCE) groundwater contamination (OU 7) at NWS Earle. The Navy has completed Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies for the two sets of sites and has issued Proposed Remedial Action Plans, which outline recommended remedial actions.

The Preferred Alternatives for OU 9 sites consist of a mixture of land use restrictions and periodic groundwater monitoring by the Navy. Initiation of a groundwater Classification Exception Area (CEA) under New Jersey law (N.J.A.C. 7:9-6) would prohibit groundwater extraction and use in the immediate vicinity of the sites until New Jersey groundwater quality guidelines are achieved. The Preferred Alternative for the Site 26 PCE plume (OU 7) consists of implementation of a CEA and limited action to monitor long-term groundwater quality to preclude potential threats to human health and the environment from the site.

No significant immediate risk to human health or ecological receptors has been found at the sites, but the proposed remedies will minimize the potential of any contact with site contaminants, monitor groundwater quality and ensure future impacts are controlled until New Jersey Groundwater Quality Standards are achieved.

Public comments are encouraged at the public meeting and written comments are also welcome. All significant comments and questions will be addressed in a Record of Decision (ROD) which will be issued to document the selected remedy. Written comments should be postmarked no later than October 30, 2004 and addressed to:

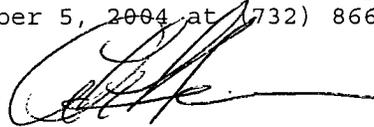
Ms. Michele DiGeambeardino (EV21/MD)
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

The Proposed Plan and the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study reports are available for public review at:

Monmouth County Library - Eastern Branch
Route 35
Shrewsbury, New Jersey

For more information, please call Mrs. Nancy Eldridge, the NWS Earle Public Affairs Officer at (732) 866-2271.

2. If you plan to attend, please contact Alicia Hartmann, Deputy Environmental Storefront Manager by October 5, 2004 at (732) 866-2060.



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