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PUBLIC NOTICE Public Comment Period Open for Site 17 Pettibone Creek (Operable Unit 1) From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest Environmental Department Scheduled from May 16 to June 17, 2013 The Navy, as part of its responsibilities under the Department of Defense Installation Restoration (IR) Program, has completed a Proposed Plan for Site 17 - Pettibone Creek (Operable Unit 1) at **Naval Station Great Lakes** (NSGL). A public comment period for the Proposed Plan is scheduled from May 16 to June 17, 2013. The primary intent of a Proposed Plan is to present a summary of the proposed remedy for this site to help the public understand and provide input on the proposed remedial alternative. The Proposed Plan for the site, as developed by the Navy, the lead agency, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), the supporting agency, recommends no environmental cleanup action be conducted for surface water and sediment in Pettibone Creek. The Navy and Illinois EPA concur with the Proposed Plan for Site 17 Pettibone Creek. In response to public comments or upon receipt of new information, the preferred alternative for the site may change. The Navy, with input from Illinois EPA, will make a final decision after reviewing and addressing the public 's comments. Site 17 Pettibone Creek covers approximately 0.3 square miles. Pettibone Creek originates in North Chicago and enters NSGL at the northwest corner of the base, meandering through the main training area of the base and terminating in Lake Michigan. The North Branch of Pettibone Creek begins outside the base in an urbanized area that is zoned for light industry. Storm sewers from the City of North Chicago and NSGL discharge to the North Branch of Pettibone Creek. Low chemical concentrations have been detected in surface water and sediment during several investigations of the creek; however, human health and ecological risk assessments concluded that these concentrations do not pose unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Although an initial risk assessment in 2001 indicated a potential risk to benthic invertebrates that live in creek sediments, a more thorough investigation in 2012 found that benthic invertebrates are affected more by habitat stressors than by chemical concentrations in sediment. Therefore, any actions taken to address chemical concentrations in the sediment would not likely result in a significant improvement of the benthic community. The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Navy 's Proposed Plan. Copies of the Proposed Plan and supporting documentation included in the Administrative Record are available by contacting Mr. Benjamin Simes at **Naval Station Great Lakes** , Building 1A, 201 Decatur Avenue, Great Lakes, IL 60088, telephone (847) 688-2600 extension 320 or benjamin.simes@navy.mil. The Administrative Record, which includes additional information on site investigation activities and results, is also available online at: <http://go.usa.gov/RsJ>. From that web site, click on the "Administrative Records " tab, enter the Administrative Record, and search for "SITE 00017 " documents. Comments on the Proposed Plan should be provided in writing and directed to Mr. Simes. Written comments must be postmarked

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no later than June 17. If significant interest is expressed and a formal written request is made, a public meeting will be held to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Proposed Plan. (Published in the Great Lakes Bulletin May 3, 2013)

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