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PUBLIC NOTICE Public Comment Period Open for Sites 5, 9, and 21 From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest Environmental Division Scheduled from March 14 to April 14, 2014

The Navy, as part of its responsibilities under the Department of Defense Installation Restoration (IR) Program, has completed a Proposed Plan for Site 5 - Transformer Storage Boneyard, Site 9 - Camp Moffett Ravine Fill Area, and Site 21 - Buildings 1517/1506 Area at Naval Station Great Lakes (NSGL). A public comment period for the Proposed Plan is scheduled from March 14 to April 14, 2014. The primary intent of a Proposed Plan is to present a summary of the proposed remedy for the site to help the public understand and provide input on the proposed remedial alternative. The Proposed Plan for Sites 5, 9, and 21, as developed by the Navy, the lead agency, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), the supporting agency, recommends implementing land use controls to limit future site uses to non-residential activities, inspecting and maintaining existing pavement, open grass area surface soil and the building to prevent exposure, controlling construction activities, and preventing groundwater use. The selected remedies are protective of human health and are intended to be the final action at Sites 5, 9, and 21. A formal review of site conditions would occur every 5 years. The Navy and Illinois EPA concur with the proposed remedial alternatives for Sites 5, 9, and 21. In response to public comments or upon receipt of new information, the preferred alternatives for the sites may change. The Navy, with input from Illinois EPA, will make a final decision after reviewing and addressing the public 's comments. Sites 5, 9, and 21 are located adjacent to each other at the northern end of NSGL and together cover approximately 30 acres of the facility. Sites 5, 9, and 21 were evaluated together because of their proximity to each other and their similar geology, hydrogeology, and contaminated media. As a result of past activities, investigations encountered low concentrations of contaminants in surface soil, subsurface soil, and groundwater that exceeded screening levels. In order to minimize the exposure to these low concentrations of contaminants in the soil and groundwater, the Navy has determined that there is a need for the remedial action as presented in the Proposed Plan. Note that groundwater at these sites cannot be used because of current institutional controls and physical limitations (low yield). Therefore, the groundwater is not a potable water source. Exposure of ecological receptors to the sites is expected to be minimal based on the industrial nature of the sites and lack of suitable habitat due to limited vegetation at the sites. Therefore, it was not necessary to evaluate potential risks to ecological receptors at the sites. 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 Ms. Terese Van Donsel at Naval Station Great Lakes, Building 1A, 201 Decatur Avenue, Great Lakes, IL 60088, telephone (847) 688-2600 extension 136 or terese.vandonsel@navy.mil. The Administrative Record, which includes additional information on site investigation activities and results, is also available online at: <http://go.usa.gov/DyNB> . From that web site, click on the "Administrative Records, " select the "Administrative Record File," and search for "SITE 5", "SITE 9", and "SITE 21" in the Basic Search box. Comments on the Proposed Plan should be provided in writing and directed to Ms. Van Donsel. Written comments must be postmarked no later than April 14, 2014. 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 February 28, 2014)