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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FORMER BUILDING 32, GOULD ISLAND (SITE 17) PROPOSED PLAN NAVAL STATION NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Regarding: Navy's Proposed Plan for Former Building 32, Gould Island Environmental Cleanup

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Public Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting.

Location: The Courtyard by Marriott Newport Middletown Hotel, 9 Commerce Drive, Middletown, RI

Notice of Availability of Proposed Plan and Public Comment Period: The Navy's Proposed Plan for the environmental cleanup of Former Building 32, Gould Island (Site 17) is now available for public review. The Plan proposes a remedy for contaminants in soil, groundwater, and marine sediment at Site 17 under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as "Superfund"). The proposed soil remedy includes excavation and off-site disposal of soil exceeding cleanup goals and Leachability Criteria, and excavation and off-site disposal of debris from sumps and trenches within the former Building 32 foundation. The proposed groundwater remedy is monitored natural attenuation, which includes long-term monitoring of groundwater to verify that natural attenuation is reducing concentrations of contaminants. The proposed sediment remedy includes dredging at the north end of Gould Island and off-site disposal of marine sediment that exceeds cleanup goals, and limited monitoring of the Northeast Shoreline of the island. The overall remedy also includes land use controls to limit access to and use of the property and its groundwater until cleanup goals are reached. The public is encouraged to review the available information and to provide comments to the Navy. A 30-day public comment period for the Proposed Plan is being held from March 13 to April 12, 2014.

Notice of Public Meeting and Public Hearing: On March 19, 2014, a meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) will be held, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in Middletown, Rhode Island. The RAB meeting will end at 7:00 p.m. and will transition to a public meeting to be held by the Navy to provide information and to answer any questions regarding the proposed cleanup at the Former Building 32 at Gould Island. Representatives from the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) will be available to answer questions at the 7:00 p.m. informational meeting. This will be followed by a formal Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. during which the public is invited to provide oral comments on the Proposed Plan. An official transcript of the Public Hearing will be entered into the Site record.

Written comments received during the 30-day comment period will also be accepted. The Navy will work closely with EPA and RIDEM to finalize the cleanup plan for the Former Building 32 after the comment period ends and all comments have been considered.

The Proposed Plan document is being issued to the Naval Station Newport community mailing list. Additional copies of the Proposed Plan, as well as other documents pertinent to the environmental investigations at Former Building 32, Gould Island are available for review online as part of the Former Building 32 Administrative Record at <http://go.usa.gov/DyNw>. If you have questions about how to comment, and for further information about the public meeting on March 19, please contact Ms. Lisa Rama at the Navy Public Affairs Office at (401) 841-3538.