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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL OU4 RECORD OF DECISION

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The Department of the Navy, Naval Submarine Base New London (NSB-NLON), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announce the availability of the final signed Record of Decision (ROD) for the cleanup of soil, sediment, surface water, and groundwater at the Lower Subbase, also known as Operable Unit (OU) 4. The ROD was prepared under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund, which authorizes federal action to respond to releases of hazardous substances into the environment.

The Lower Subbase includes approximately 33 acres of land along the Thames River and contains piers and berths for sub-marine docking; facilities for submarine maintenance, repair, and overhaul; and administrative buildings. For the purposes of remediation, the Lower Subbase was divided into seven zones, based on specific sites and potential sources of contamination. The seven zones comprise a total of nine sites (Sites 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 25) and Outer Pier 1. The area addressed by the ROD is highly developed, with 90 to 100 percent of the surface covered with pavement or buildings. Lead-acid battery maintenance and overhaul activities were conducted at the Lower Subbase until the mid-1950s, an incinerator was operated there until 1967, and a variety of ship and submarine maintenance activities were performed in the area. Although the Navy used petroleum products throughout the Lower Subbase, and releases of these products to the environment may have occurred through leaks and spills, this ROD describes remedies only for those chemicals that are regulated by CERCLA. Areas that are contaminated solely with Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) are being addressed under the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's (CTDEEP's) Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs), a non-CERCLA program. The Feasibility Study (FS) and the FS Addendum presented detailed zone-specific remedial alternatives to remove or manage the sources of contamination and reduce or eliminate human health and environmental risks associated with contamination. The Navy and EPA proposed preferred remedies for soil and sediment in the Proposed Plan. The Navy and EPA also proposed to take no action for surface water and groundwater. Investigations conducted by the Navy indicated that contaminants are not present in surface water and groundwater at concentrations that exceed State or federal regulatory standards.

A notice of availability of the Proposed Plan for the Lower Subbase (Navy, 2012) was published on April 4 and 5, 2012 in The New London Day newspaper and on April 4 and 10, 2012 in the Norwich Bulletin newspaper. The Proposed Plan and other documents related to these sites were made available to the public in the Public Repositories and the Navy's public website on April 4, 2012. A public meeting was conducted on April 12, 2012 and during the public meeting, the proposed remedies were presented and the Navy solicited oral and written comments from attendees. The public did not offer any formal comments during the public meeting or the public comment period; therefore, the proposed remedies were the remedies subsequently selected in the ROD by Navy and EPA in concurrence with CTDEEP. The selected remedies for soil at Zone 1 (Sites 10 and 11), Zone 3 (Site 17) and Zone 7 (Sites 21 and 25) are Land Use Controls (LUCs) and monitoring. The remedies for soil at Zone 2, Zone 5 (Site 22), and Zone 6 (Site 24) are no further action under CERCLA. The remedy for soil at Zone 4 (Sites 13 and 19) is excavation, LUCs and monitoring. The remedy for Thames River sediment at Zone 4 is dredging, LUCs, and monitoring; and for Outer Pier 1 sediment is LUCs and monitoring. The CTDEEP provided their concurrence on the remedies in the ROD on July 23, 2012, and the ROD was signed by the Navy on August 16, 2012 and EPA on August 23, 2012. The ROD and other documents related to these sites are available to the public in the NSB-NLON Information Repositories located at the Groton Public Library in Groton, Connecticut, and the Bill Library in Ledyard, Connecticut, and from the Navy's public website at <https://portal.navy.mil/portal/page/portal/navfac>. The ROD is also available on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/newlondon.