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NOTICE OF NAVY'S INVITATION
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
Proposed Remedial Action Plans
SWMU 15 & SWMU 25
Naval Air Station, Oceana
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The Department of the Navy (DoN) invites public comment on the Proposed Remedial Action Plans (PRAPs) for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 15 (the former north station tank farm) and for SWMU 25 (the Inert landfill). These SWMUs are located on Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia. These PRAPs identify and discuss the preferred alternative to address contamination that has occurred as a result of a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) release.

The DoN's preferred alternative is no further action for soils at SWMU 15; the evaluation of the petroleum-related contamination of the groundwater will be addressed under a different regulatory program, as petroleum contaminants are excluded from CERCLA. The DoN's preferred alternative is no action for SWMU 25.

In accordance with 40 CFR 300.430(f)(2), the assessment of risk information for each SWMU, as related to both human health and the environment, is detailed in the respective PRAP for each SWMU. Each PRAP includes a summary of investigation information and the rationale to determine that both SWMU 15 and 25 pose no significant risk to human health or the environment as a result of a CERCLA release. Therefore, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 300.425(e)(1)(iii) the taking of remedial measures at SWMU 25, and additional remedial measures at SWMU 15 is not appropriate; hence, the no further action and no action for SWMUs 15 and 25 respectively is recommended by the DoN.

These PRAPs are based upon the findings of previous site-related documents contained in the DoN's Administrative Record for NAS Oceana. The Administrative Record can provide you with important background and site investigation information about these SWMUs. The Administrative Record and these PRAPs are located for public review at the following location during normal business hours:

City of Virginia Beach Main Public Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(757) 431-3042

Provide written comments on the PRAP from August 24, 2003 through September 22, 2003. Send all written comments on or before (postmark by) September 22, 2001 to the following address:

Commander
Atlantic Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
6506 Hampton Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23508-1278
Attention: Public Affairs Officer, Mr. John E. Peters
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In addition, you are invited to a public meeting regarding the investigation of SWMUs 15 and 25 at NAS Oceana. Representatives from the DoN will report on the status of these SWMUs and the DoN's preferred alternative. The meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 10, 2003
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
NAS Oceana Officers Club
NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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