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INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED INTERIM REMEDY FOR
OFFSHORE AREAS AT NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
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**LEGAL NOTICE
THE UNITED STATES NAVY**

**invites
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED INTERIM REMEDY FOR
OFFSHORE AREAS AT
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD
KITTERY, MAINE**

The United States Navy (Navy) will hold an informational public meeting to discuss the Navy's Proposed Interim Remedial Action for Operable Unit 4 (OU4) at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the Kittery Day's Inn, Rt. 1 Bypass, Kittery, Maine.

OU4 includes areas offshore of the Shipyard that were potentially impacted by onshore sites at the Shipyard. Based on the Navy evaluation of offshore monitoring as an interim action and in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Navy proposes to conduct interim offshore monitoring of OU4 until a final remedy for OU4 is selected and implemented. The Navy has determined that interim monitoring is warranted for OU4 because interim monitoring would:

- provide information on the current condition of the offshore prior to the final remedy.
- be consistent with any final action for OU4.
- provide information to support identification and selection of a final remedy.
- provide a basis for any monitoring program that may be required as part of the final action.

The Navy wants to hear public comments and questions on the proposed interim remedy before making a decision. The Navy will hold a 30-day public comment period, from October 28, 1998, through November 30, 1998, to provide an opportunity for the public to participate in deciding whether this interim action should be adopted. During the comment period, the public is invited to review the Proposed Plan, which is available at the Shipyard's Information Repositories listed below, and to offer written or verbal comments.

The Proposed Plan, along with the administrative record, which contains documents that will form the basis for adopting the interim remedy, are available for review at the Rice Public Library and the Portsmouth Public Library.

Rice Public Library
8 Wentworth Street
Kittery, ME 03904
(207) 439-1553
Hours: M, T, W, F, 10-5
Th 10-8; Sa 10-4

Portsmouth Public Library
8 Islington Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(603) 427-1540
Hours: M-Th 9-9
F 9-5:30; Sa 9-5

The public may comment in person at the November 4, 1998 public meeting and/or submit written comments beginning today through November 30, 1998 to the Navy at the address below. For further information contact:

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