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Navy drafts plan to monitor water

KITTERY — The Navy will present a draft interim plan for monitoring water quality in offshore areas around the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at today's meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board.

Scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., the meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Day's Inn on the Route 1 Bypass.

The monitoring is part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program, which is designed to identify, investigate and clean up sites that were contaminated as a result of past disposal practices, the Navy said.

Interim plans are designed to provide information on the conditions of the offshore areas before a final remedy is selected and implemented.

The proposed monitoring is for 14 sites, which covers all the offshore areas adjacent to the shipyard, according to the Navy. Four reference stations will be included

in the program to provide baseline information of the Piscataqua River.

The Seacoast Anti-Pollution League said it opposes the program because it does not include enough sites and ignores Spruce Creek entirely.

At present the interim plan is being reviewed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and community members of the Restoration Advisory Board. The Navy anticipates monitoring to begin this spring.

All final documents relating to the installation restoration program are available to the public in the information repositories located in the Kittery and Portsmouth public libraries.

Details are available by calling Alan Robinson at the shipyard's public affairs office at (207) 438-1140.

In brief

AIDS victim to speak in Kittery

speakers bureau. The Kittery Youth Connection is located next to the post of

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Marina Sillari, allocations director for the United Way of the Greater Seacoast, speaks before a group of more than 100 volunteers Tuesday afternoon as part of the 1999 Allocation Volunteer Orientation at Independence Hall in the Peace International Tradeport.