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To the editor:

The Restoration Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 30, 2000 to discuss the on-going cleanup of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Superfund sites.

Since the last meeting in January many documents and studies

have been released, including the "Revised Operable Unit 2 Human Health Risk Assessment." The risk assessment study was done to evaluate the risk to future construction workers, occupational workers, nearby military residents and recreationalists.

The soils were analyzed and risk of cancer and non-cancer risk estimated. The study has found for most potential carcinogenic and noncarcinogenic risks

are within or below EPA risk range, however there are some exceedances of the state of Maine risk range.

The next step in this process is to prepare the feasibility study for Operable Unit 2 incorporating this information on human health risk.

All the documents related to the shipyard are at the Rice Public Library in Kittery and the Portsmouth Public Library in Portsmouth.

The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board is Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 7 p.m. The location is to be announced.

The next several meetings will be discussing Operable Unit 3, the Jamaica Island Landfill, in preparation for a public meeting to be held this summer about restoration alternatives to be examined in the upcoming feasibility study.

I encourage interested citizens to attend these meetings over the next few months to learn more about this important environmental project happening in our backyards.

For more information about the cleanup efforts at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, please call the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League office at 431-5089.

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