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Residents invited to Superfund decision meeting

PORTSMOUTH — It's decision time in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard cleanup process, and it's time for the public to voice its opinion on whether the largest hazardous-waste site at the Shipyard, the Jamaica Island Landfill, should be cleaned up or covered over.

The Seacoast Anti-Pollution League will host a panel of players in the decision-making process on Dec. 6 and invites the public to attend, learn about the Superfund site, ask questions, and voice their opinions.

The panel discussion will be held at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church on State Street.

Carolyn LePage, SAPL technical assistance advisor, will provide an overview presentation of the Navy's proposed plan, followed by a panel discussion.

Panelists are Iver McLeod of the Maine Department of Environment Protection, Meghan Cassidy of the Environmental Protection Agency and Doug Bogen, New Hampshire director of Clean Water Action and

community co-chair of the Restoration Advisory Board.

The Portsmouth Navel Shipyard was placed on the National Priorities List for Defense Department cleanups in 1994, when it was discovered that surface runoff and erosion were contaminating the Piscataqua River.

Five hazardous waste sites, including a landfill, a salvage and storage area and waste oil tanks-have now

been identified at the shipyard. Heavy metals, PCB's pesticides, and VOC's are among the contaminants affecting groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil there.

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