

Notice of Availability and Public Meeting

**Proposed Remedial Action Plans for
Site 1 Groundwater, Surface Water, and Sediment
Site 5 Landfill Contents and Surface Soil
Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, West Virginia**

The Department of the Navy announces the availability for public review of the *Proposed Plan for Site 1 Groundwater, Surface Water, and Sediment*, and the *Proposed Plan for Site 5 Landfill Contents and Surface Soil*.

These documents describe the Navy's alternatives and preferred actions to remediate contaminated groundwater, surface water, and sediment at Site 1 and landfill contents and contaminated surface soil at Site 5. Both sites are part of the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) in Rocket Center, West Virginia. Issuing these proposed plans for public review is part of the Navy's public participation responsibility, established under Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The 45-day public review period for these proposed plans begins on October 22, 1996, and ends on December 9, 1996. Both proposed plans, as well as supporting documents that provide additional details, are available for public review at the following locations:

1. **LaVale Public Library**, 815 National Highway, La Vale, MD
(Library hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday–Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday.)
2. **Fort Ashby Public Library**, on Lincoln Street in Fort Ashby, WVA
(Library hours are 12:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, plus 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1:00–4:00 p.m. on Saturday.)

After the public comment period has ended and the information submitted has been reviewed and considered, the Navy, assisted by the US Environmental Protection Agency (Region III), the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and the Maryland Department of the Environment, will select a final remedy and publish a Record of Decision for each site.

As part of the public review of these Proposed Plans, the Navy invites members of the public to attend a public meeting:

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 29, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Bel Air Elementary School, 14401 Barton Boulevard, Cumberland, MD

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comments about the Proposed Plans, to obtain more information about the proposed remedial actions, and to participate in the decision-making process. For additional information, contact:

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