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Meeting will address EPA proposal to add Cheatham Annex to cleanup list

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The Environmental Protection Agency is recommending that the former Cheatham Annex, now a branch of Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, be put on the National Priorities List because of ecological threats from old buried wastes and other suspected contaminants.

A public meeting on the reasons for putting the site on the National Priorities List will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Charles E. Brown Park community building, off Old Williamsburg Road (Route 238) near Lackey. The public can comment on whether to include the site on the list until April 4.

Cheatham Annex was commis-

sioned in June 1943 as a satellite unit of the Naval Supply Depot to provide bulk storage facilities. The mission of Cheatham Annex has remained essentially the same since its commissioning.

The primary mission of the annex is receiving, storing, packing and shipping of materials to federal facilities on the East Coast and

About the meeting

What: Public meeting about Cheatham Annex

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Charles E. Brown Park community building

major distribution centers in Europe.

During World War I, a portion of the current Navy property was the location of a large powder and shell-loading plant operated by DuPont.

The DuPont plant operated for about three years, closing at the end of World War I.

For details about Wednesday's meeting, contact William Hudson at (800) 553-2509 or (215) 814-5532.