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PUBLIC NOTICE ON AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITES 1 AND 3 NWS
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The U.S. Department of the Navy Announces the Availability of the Proposed Remedial Action Plans (PRAPs) and the Start of the Public Comment Period for Sites 1 and 3 and Sites 6 and 7 at the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Yorktown, Virginia

In accordance with the guidelines established for the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program, the Department of the Navy (DoN) invites Public Comment on the PRAPs and Administrative Record (AR) File for Sites 1 and 3 and Sites 6 and 7 at the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Yorktown, Virginia.

Studies have been conducted at Sites 1 and 3 to identify possible sources of contamination and included a human health risk assessment and ecological risk assessment. As a result of these studies, surface soil hot spots of arsenic were identified at Site 1 and surface soil hot spots of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were identified at Site 3. The Remedial Action Alternative (RAA) 3: Soil Cover, Surface Debris Removal, and Excavation with Off-site Disposal has been selected for Site 1. At Site 3, RAA 4: Soil Excavation with Off-site Disposal and Surface Debris Removal has been selected. Groundwater, sediment, and surface water will be addressed as a separate Operable Unit (OU) in future investigations.

Previous studies, including human health and ecological risk assessments, were also conducted at Sites 6 and 7. At Site 6 surface soil was contaminated with inorganics and explosives; subsurface soil was contaminated with explosives; and shallow sediment was contaminated with volatile and semivolatile organics, explosives, pesticides, and inorganics. RAA 6 has been selected to address contaminants at Site 6. RAA 6 involves biological treatment, soil cover, limited investigation, and sludge removal.

At Site 7, soil and sediment were contaminated with explosives. Contaminated soil and sediment at Site 7 already have been excavated and sent to a biocell as part of a pilot study of biotreatment. Therefore, no further action is required at Site 7.

The DoN believes that these alternatives will protect human health and the environment and provide a permanent solution in a way that is cost effective and meets regulations.

The PRAPs for Sites 1 and 3 and Sites 6 and 7 have been prepared to:

- * identify and explain the remedial action decisions
- * solicit public review of the alternatives, and
- * provide information on how the public can be involved in the remedial action selection process.

The PRAPs are available for public review at each of the following locations during normal business hours:

York County Public Library
(757) 890-3377
8500 George Washington Hwy.
Yorktown, Virginia 23692

Newport News City Public Library
Grissom Branch (757) 886-7896
366 Deshazor Drive
Newport News, VA 23602

Gloucester Public Library
(804) 693-2998
P.O. Box 367
Main Street
Gloucester, VA 23061

Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
Environmental Directorate
(757) 887-4720 (Contact: Mr. Jeff Harlow)
Building 31-B, P.O. Drawer 160
Yorktown, VA 23691-0160

A public meeting will be held on May 26, 1998 at 6:30PM at the York County Social Services/ Recreation Center Meeting Room, 301 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA. Representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be available to respond to questions at this time. Those interested may provide oral or written comments on the PRAP from May 26 to July 11, 1998 to Ms. Kay Phillips, Public Affairs Officer, at the following address:

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