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2008 Community Questionnaire

Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (WPNSTA)
and Cheatham Annex (CAX)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY!

The purpose of this survey is to assess community knowledge of the Navy Environmental Restoration Program at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (WPNSTA) and Cheatham Annex (CAX). This survey is an important tool for helping the Navy understand the community's concerns and informational needs related to the environmental cleanup at these bases.

Responses to this survey will be kept confidential. The results will be used in summary to help us update the Community Involvement Plan for WPNSTA and CAX. The Community Involvement Plan describes how the installations will communicate with the community about the environmental cleanup program and will provide opportunities for the public to be involved in the process.

The survey covers both WPNSTA and CAX. Depending on where you live and your own interests, you may respond to questions for one installation or both.

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact Amy Brand, Community Involvement Task Leader at (757) 671-6210. If you would like information about WPNSTA or CAX or have any concerns regarding confidentiality, please contact Mr. Mark Piggott, Public Affairs Officer for WPNSTA, by calling (757) 887-4939 or by sending e-mail to: mark.piggott@navy.mil.

Thank you for your participation!

Please return this survey to:

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2007 Community Questionnaire

Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (WPNSTA) and Cheatham Annex (CAX)

- 1** a. How far do you live from WPNSTA? < 2 miles 2-5 miles 5-10 miles > 10 miles
 b. How far do you live from CAX? < 2 miles 2-5 miles 5-10 miles > 10 miles

- 2** How long have you been a resident of the community? < 1 year years

- 3** How would you describe your relationship with WPNSTA and/or CAX? (*check all that apply*)
- Employee Local resident Representative of civic or public interest organization Representative of homeowners association
 Former employee Business owner Retired military person Public or elected official
 Other (*please describe*) _____

- 4** a. Have you or your relatives ever worked at WPNSTA and/or CAX? Yes, I have No Yes, a relative has
 b. If yes, for how long? Years for me Years for relative

- 5** Do you or any of your family members participate in any recreational activities within the boundaries of WPNSTA or CAX? Yes No

- 6** a. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being Excellent and 1 being Poor, how would you rank WPNSTA's and CAX's relationship with the surrounding community? (*If 1 or 2, please explain.*)

	5 Excellent	4 Better than Satisfactory	3 Satisfactory	2 Less than Satisfactory	1 Poor
Trusting Relationship					
Open Communication					
Committed to Being a Responsible Environmental Steward					
Involved in the Community					

- b. Which base are you rating? WPNSTA CAX Both

c. Comments _____

- 7** a. How would you rate the public's attitude toward WPNSTA or CAX? Excellent Satisfactory Poor (*If poor, please explain below.*)
 b. How would you rate your attitude toward WPNSTA or CAX? Excellent Satisfactory Poor (*If poor, please explain below.*)
 c. Do you think the relationship between WPNSTA or CAX and the community needs to be improved? Yes (*If yes, please explain below.*) No
 d. Which base are you rating? WPNSTA CAX Both
 e. Comments _____

- 8 a. Are you aware of EPA's Superfund Program and the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program? Yes No
- b. If yes, what is your understanding of these programs? _____
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- c. Are you aware that the Navy is conducting environmental studies at WPNSTA and CAX under the Superfund cleanup process and the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program? Yes No

- 9 a. Are you aware of or concerned about environmental issues at the bases? Yes No
- b. Which base are you concerned about? WPNSTA CAX Both
- c. If yes, what issues? (*check all that apply*)
- Soil Groundwater York River Other ponds and streams Air
- Animals Plants Other (*please explain*) _____
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- d. How concerned are you? very somewhat not very not at all not sure

- 10 a. Do you feel that environmental contamination at WPNSTA and/or CAX has affected the surrounding community? WPNSTA: Yes No
CAX: Yes No
- b. If yes, in what ways? (*check all that apply*)
- WPNSTA: Health Economic impacts Perception of the community Quality of life
- Other (*please explain*) _____
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- CAX: Health Economic impacts Perception of the community Quality of life
- Other (*please explain*) _____
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- c. Do you have personal concerns about any of these issues? (*please explain*) _____
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- 11 Part of base operations at WPNSTA and CAX involves managing and handling military munitions. Current munitions management practices are much more stringent than they used to be. Like at other military installations, discarded military munitions items have been found and removed at WPNSTA and CAX.
- a. Were you aware that discarded military munitions items have been found and removed? Yes No
- b. If yes, how did you become aware? newspaper TV/radio word of mouth Other (*please explain*) _____
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- c. How concerned are you about discarded military munitions? very somewhat not very not at all not sure

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a. How do you get your daily news? (check all that apply)

- The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper
- The Virginia Gazette* newspaper
- The Daily Press* newspaper
- The York Town Crier/Poquoson Post* newspaper
- Other newspaper (which one?) _____
- Television (which one?) _____
- Radio (which one?) _____
- Web site (which one?) _____
- Other (please describe) _____

b. How do you currently receive information about environmental issues at WPNSTA and/or CAX? (check all that apply)

- The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper
- The Virginia Gazette* newspaper
- The Daily Press* newspaper
- The York Town Crier/Poquoson Post* newspaper
- Other newspaper (which one?) _____
- Television (which one?) _____
- Radio (which one?) _____
- Web site (which one?) _____
- Restoration Advisory Board Meetings
- Community Meetings/Open House
- Direct Mailings
- Other (please describe) _____

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Have you ever seen newspaper advertisements for public meetings concerning the Navy Environmental Restoration Program?

- Yes
- No

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a. Do you know about the WPNSTA/CAX Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)?

- Yes
- No

The RAB is a community advisory team. The purpose of a RAB is to facilitate public participation in Environmental Restoration Program activities. RAB meetings are open to the public. Among other things, the agenda typically covers cleanup activities that have occurred since the last meeting. The WPNSTA/CAX RAB currently meets twice a year (May and November). RAB meetings currently are advertised in the The Daily Press and The Virginia Gazette.

b. How many meetings have you attended?

- None
- 1-2
- 3-5
- >5

c. If none in (b), please check the reasons you may not have attended a RAB meeting (check all that apply)

- Not aware of it
- Inconvenient time
- Inconvenient location
- Not interested
- Inconvenient day
- Didn't know what was on the agenda
- Other _____

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a. Are you aware of the information repository at the Virgil Grissom Library in Newport News?

- Yes
- No

b. If yes, have you made use of these resources?

- Yes
- No

c. Do you feel this is a convenient location?

- Yes
- No

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a. Would you be interested in receiving information about the status of environmental cleanup at WPNSTA and/or CAX?

- Yes
- No

b. If yes, how frequently would you like to receive that information?

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Other _____

c. How would you like to receive that information?

- Newsletters
- Radio announcements
- Email messages
- RAB meetings
- Other (please explain) _____

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- a. How many times have you had contact with government officials (e.g., Navy, EPA, etc.) about the environmental cleanup program at WPNSTA and/or CAX? None 1-5 >5
- b. How would you rate these officials' responsiveness to your concerns? Excellent Satisfactory Poor (*If poor, please explain below.*)
- c. Comments _____

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- a. Do you believe that the public has confidence in the ability of the Navy and its contractors to investigate and clean up contaminated sites at the WPNSTA and CAX? Yes No
- b. Please describe any concerns or issues you have about the Navy's environmental cleanup efforts at WPNSTA or CAX. _____

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- a. Are there individuals or organizations in the community that tend to take a lead on issues of community concern? Yes (*please identify*) _____ No
- b. Can you recommend others who might be interested in completing our survey?
 Name _____ Name _____
 Phone _____ Phone _____

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Please use the back of this page for additional comments or suggestions.

THANK YOU for taking the time to complete this survey!
Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This information will be used to update our Community Involvement Plan and ensure that we continue to address your concerns regarding our ongoing environmental restoration programs at both WPNSTA and CAX. We encourage you to get involved in the Navy Environmental Restoration Program. Please attend a RAB meeting, join the RAB, visit the information repository, or provide your comments on the cleanup process. For more information, contact Robin Willis, NAVFAC MIDLANT Public Affairs Officer, at (757) 445-8732, x3096 or email her at: robin.a.willis@navy.mil.

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