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New hazardous waste site discovered

Naval Air Station Jacksonville recently added another potential source of contamination site bringing the number to 51. The latest, a former fire fighting training area at the south end of the base was recently tested and found to have gasoline products and cleaning solvent contamination.

Contamination was found at the fence line and, as a precautionary measure, the Navy and City of Jacksonville, with per-

mission from residents, will continue further testing off station in the Collins Road area to include testing of shallow drinking wells.

It was originally thought that the site was several hundred yards west of its current location. However, through interviews of current and former employees, and historical research, it was learned that aircraft were once transported down to the area for cleaning, dumping fuel and solvents into a pit. As part of an ongoing survey, workers from ABB Environmental Services, an environmental cleanup contractor working for the Navy, found the new site and notified the station.

A public information session will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center located next to the Birmingham Gate off of US 17. Navy representatives, along with representatives from the City of Jacksonville, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be available to answer questions.

Members of the community who have any questions, may call Bill Dougherty of the Public Affairs Office, 542-4032.