



HLRA Update

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Navy Extends Public Comment on Sites 3 & 12 Until November 25th.

The public comment period for the Proposed Plans for Sites 3 and 12 at the former Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base (NAS-JRB) Willow Grove has been extended until November 25, 2020.

The Navy investigated each site over the past several years and looked at various alternative remedial approaches to address the environmental contamination found. The Proposed Plans describe the various alternatives and detail the preferred plan recommended by the Navy and EPA.

For Site 3, located near the FAA Radar Tower along Horsham Road, the Navy is proposing to use containment and land use controls to achieve remedial action objectives. A two-foot thick soil cover would be placed over the landfill areas. Several ‘hot spots’ discovered during the investigations would be removed and placed under the soil cover system. Land use controls would be put in place to prevent damage of or intrusion into the cover system and to prevent disturbance of subsurface soils.

For Site 12, also located on the Horsham Road side of the base, the Navy is proposing to use containment and land use controls to achieve soil remedial action objectives. A two-foot thick soil cover would be placed over all areas with unacceptable soil risks to prevent exposure of human and ecological receptors. Several ‘hot spots’ discovered during the investigations would be removed and placed under one of the two soil cover systems. Land use controls would be put in place to prevent damage of or intrusion into the cover system and to prevent disturbance of subsurface soils.

The Navy also considered other alternatives to meet the remedial action objectives at each landfill site. A total of four alternatives were reviewed at Site 3 and five alternatives at Site 12.

Each Proposed Plan is available on the Navy’s website:

https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/northeast/reserve_base_willow_grove/public_notices.html

As required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as the Superfund Law), the public has an opportunity to provide input to the upcoming decision on which alternative will be selected by the Navy and EPA. The public comment period for the Sites 3 and 12 PRAPs ends on November 25, 2020.

The public may provide comments by sending written comments to Mr. Willington Lin, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, 4911 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19112 or by email willie.lin@navy.mil.

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UPCOMING HLRA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 3:30pm and are open to the public.

- January 20, 2021

Meeting location has been changed to the Horsham Township Library