

PUBLIC NOTICE COMPLETION OF THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT FORMER NASJRB WILLOW GROVE HORSHAM TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA



The United States Navy, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and other stakeholders completed the third Five-Year Review of the selected remedies being implemented to address environmental contamination at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NASJRB) Willow Grove in Horsham Township, Pennsylvania. Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as Superfund), reviews of long-term remedial actions are required every 5 years to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment until the sites are deemed suitable for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The third Five-Year Review for NASJRB Willow Grove focused on the sites for which Records of Decision (RODs) documenting the selection of CERCLA remedial actions have been signed, including Operable Unit (OU) 6, Site 3; OU 2, Site 5; and OU 11, Site 12. Completed and ongoing remediation efforts at these sites were evaluated to ensure that the selected remedies are effectively protecting public health and the environment as intended.

Based on the technical assessment completed based on the review of reports documenting the selection of CERCLA cleanup remedies, implementation of remediation efforts, and results of long-term monitoring, the remedial actions at the sites were determined to be currently protective of human health and the environment. For Sites 3 and 12, construction activities associated with the implementation of the remedies were recently completed, but to ensure long-term protection, the land use control and long-term monitoring portions of the remedies need to be completed. For Site 5, recommendations to ensure long-term remedy protectiveness include implementation of the downgradient natural attenuation monitoring component of the remedy for the volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and completion of a removal action, already in progress, to address drinking water impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The removal action includes the evaluation of locations with potential exposures to PFAS in drinking water and providing alternative drinking water sources.

The Navy, EPA, and PADEP are working to implement the recommendations presented in the Third Five-Year Review Report, and the current and future protectiveness of the remedies will be evaluated again during the fourth Five-Year Review and associated report scheduled for completion in September 2028.

The Third Five-Year Review Report is available at the NASJRB Willow Grove Information Repository located at 435 Babylon Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044, 215-443-2609, www.horshamlibrary.org. The report is also available as part of the NASJRB Willow Grove Administrative Record at:

https://administrative-records.navfac.navy.mil/?PXMQQUXGO3UY6G47WO

If you have questions or would like more information on the sites that were reviewed, please contact:

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