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### **BETHPAGE GROUNDWATER TREATMENT TO BE DISCUSSED** **Public Availability Session to be held October 17**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will hold a public availability session to provide community members with the opportunity to learn more about alternatives being considered for groundwater remediation at three inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in Bethpage. The three sites to be discussed are the Grumman Aerospace Facility, the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant and the Northrop Grumman Steel Los Plant 2. The session will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2000 in the Bethpage High School cafeteria.

The public is invited to come any time from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to talk with representatives from the DEC, Northrop Grumman, the Navy, and their consultants about the results of the remedial investigation on groundwater contamination, interim remedial measures that have already been implemented, and remedial methods that are being considered to complete the cleanup. The availability session is intended to provide the opportunity for interested members of the public to speak personally with the engineers and geologists directly involved in planning the site remediation.

The DEC plans to release a proposed remedial action plan for groundwater cleanup later this year. The proposed plan will be made available for public comment and will be presented at a public meeting. The DEC will make a final decision on the remediation alternatives to be implemented after the public has had an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan.

Remediation of contaminated groundwater is part of the agreement among Northrop Grumman, the Navy and the DEC to clean up soil and groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds under the sites. The contamination is a result of more than 60 years of research, development and manufacture of defense products, including aircraft.

The sites are bounded by Hicksville Rd., South Oyster Bay Rd., Central Ave. and Stewart Ave. in Bethpage.

Bethpage High School is located at 10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage.

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