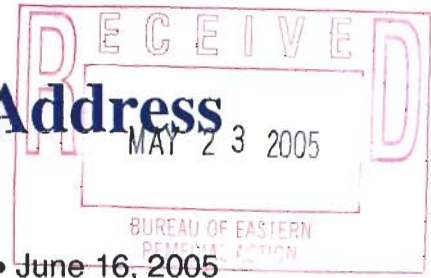




NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Public Availability Session To Address Offsite Groundwater



Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant • Bethpage, New York • June 16, 2005

The United States Navy and the Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), will be holding a Public Availability Session on June 16, 2005, to provide updated information related to the Navy's and NGC's implementation of various remedy components to address groundwater contamination in the area. The affected area is roughly bounded by the NWIRP Bethpage to the north, Wantagh Avenue to the west, Seaford-Oyster Bay Parkway to the east, and between the Hempstead Turnpike and Southern State Parkway to the south.

The groundwater contamination is relatively deep, generally 150 to 500 feet below ground surface. As such, this contamination does not present a threat to area residents. In addition, the Navy and Northrop Grumman are continuing to work with the NYSDEC, County and State Departments of Health (DOH), and local water districts to address the deep groundwater contamination.

This availability session will utilize posters to convey appropriate information. The session is informal and you can attend at your convenience anytime between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. It should take 15 to 30 minutes to see all of the posters.

The Availability Session will be held at the Bethpage Community Center, 103

Grumman Road West, Bethpage. A map has been included for your convenience.

The following will be present to answer your questions:

- United State Department of Navy
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- New York State DEC
- New York State DOH
- Town of Oyster Bay

The local water authorities have been notified of this session and may send a representative. The local drinking water is tested regularly and meets or exceeds all applicable drinking water standards. Your water is safe to drink. However, if you are concerned with the quality of your water you should contact the appropriate water authority that serves your area and/or the Nassau County Department of Health.

The Navy and Northrop Grumman have been implementing various actions that have served to remediate contaminated groundwater or otherwise ensure the continued protection of public health from groundwater contamination. These activities include the following:

- A groundwater pump and treat system constructed at the southern/southwestern boundary of Northrop Grumman property. This system has been operating successfully since the late 1990s.

- Installation of groundwater monitoring wells located between Hempstead Turnpike and the Southern State Parkway to ensure adequate notification of potential impacts to water districts. These wells were installed in the early 2000's.
- Funding for treatment systems constructed at local water district well fields. Three systems associated with the Bethpage Water District were constructed in the 1990s. Additional treatment systems are likely to be required in the future.
- Construction and future operation of a groundwater extraction and treatment system located at the GM-38 Area. This system is intended to address an area

with higher concentrations of volatile organic contamination in the underlying aquifer than other surrounding areas.

The focus of this availability session will be on actions taken by the Navy and Northrop Grumman to address groundwater contamination. Other issues such as soil and groundwater contamination at the Bethpage Community Park or potential reuse scenarios for the former Navy property, although important to the community, will not be topics at this session. These issues will be the subjects of separate community workshops or meetings to be held in the near future.

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