

January 31, 2013

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, to discuss its recently released evaluation of cancer occurrence and environmental exposures in the area of the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) and Grumman sites in Bethpage. At the meeting, staff from the NYSDOH will present the study and its findings, and answer questions from members of the community. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of Bethpage High School at 10 Cherry Avenue in Bethpage.

The study was conducted in response to community concerns over findings of soil vapor intrusion by site-related contaminants into the air inside a small number of homes bordering the NWIRP. Contaminants related to the former Grumman site had also been found beneath a small number of homes near that site.

The study was released to the public on January 17. A copy of the full report and a summary of its methods and findings may be found on the NYSDOH Web site at <http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/bethpage/>.

In the meantime, people with questions about the cancer evaluation can contact Ms. Aura Weinstein of the NYSDOH at (518) 473-7817 or at canmap@health.state.ny.us. People with questions about the environmental evaluation can contact Mr. Steve Karpinski of the NYSDOH at (518) 474-7880 or at beei@health.state.ny.us.