

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **Notice of Availability for the Draft Explanation of Significant Differences Operable Unit 2 Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve (NWIRP) Bethpage, New York.**

The Department of the Navy (Navy), in consultation with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), has prepared a draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for Operable Unit 2 (OU2). The Record of Decision (ROD) for OU2 was issued in 2003 and identified actions that the Navy would take to remediate groundwater in the area, including extraction and treatment of groundwater in certain downgradient areas with high concentration of site-relative chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

This draft ESD addresses the addition of supplemental extraction and treatment systems to remediate lower VOC concentration groundwater, and to incorporate 1,4-dioxane as a chemical of concern and provide treatment for 1,4-dioxane in extracted groundwater. Other aspects of the 2003 ROD, including well head treatment at effected public water supplies and groundwater monitoring, remain unchanged.

The ESD specifically identifies the following actions: i) extension of hotspot treatment systems to allow capture and treatment of lower concentration groundwater; ii) capture of the OU2 plume near its leading edge; and iii) additional of 1,4-dioxane as a chemical and concern and associated treatment.

The ESD report is available for public review in the Navy's Administrative Record at the following website and location: <https://go.usa.gov/DyXF>.

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A 30-day public comment period has been established for review of the Proposed Plan and administrative record starting March 3, 2021 and ending April 2, 2021.

All public comments must be returned to the postal or email address provided below on or before (postmark by) April 2, 2021 to be considered, addressed, and documented in the administrative record. Parties interested in obtaining a copy this document can write to the address below or call the Public Affairs Office at (757) 341-1410/11.

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