



HLRA Update

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HLRA MEETING SCHEDULE

All HLRA Meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting is:

- 3:30 pm January 20, 2021 at the Horsham Township Municipal Complex

NAVY EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON SITES 3 AND 12

The Navy hosted a virtual Open House on their Proposed Plans for the former landfills (Sites 3 and 12) at the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove on September 23, 2020. Likely due to a variety of reasons, public participation in the meeting was poor. Horsham Township Council requested that the public comment period be extended to permit its citizens additional time to review the various alternatives and to provide comments.

The public comment period for the Proposed Plans for Sites 3 and 12 at the former Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base (NAS-JRB) Willow Grove has been **extended until November 25, 2020.**

The Navy investigated each site over the past several years and looked at various alternative remedial approaches to address the environmental contamination. The Proposed Plans describe the various alternatives and detail the preferred plan recommended by the Navy and EPA. Each Proposed Plan is available on the Navy’s website:

https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/northeast/reserve_base_willow_grove/public_notices.html

As required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as the Superfund Law), the public has an opportunity to provide input to the upcoming decision on which alternative will be selected by the Navy and EPA. The public comment period for the Sites 3 and 12 PRAPs ends on November 25, 2020.

The public may provide comments by sending written comments to Mr. Willington Lin, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, 4911 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19112 or by email at willie.lin@navy.mil .

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NAVY EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON SITES 3 AND 12, Continued

For Site 3, located near the FAA Radar Tower along Horsham Road, the Navy is proposing to use containment and land use controls to achieve remedial action objectives. A two-foot thick soil cover would be placed over the landfill areas. Several 'hot spots' discovered during the investigations would be removed and placed under the soil cover system. Land use controls would be put in place to prevent damage of or intrusion into the cover system and to prevent disturbance of subsurface soils.

For Site 12, also located on the Horsham Road side of the base, the Navy is proposing to use containment and land use controls to achieve soil remedial action objectives. A two-foot thick soil cover would be placed over all areas with unacceptable soil risks to prevent exposure of human and ecological receptors. Several 'hot spots' discovered during the investigations would be removed and placed under one of the two soil cover systems. Land use controls would be put in place to prevent damage of or intrusion into the cover system and to prevent disturbance of subsurface soils.

The Navy also considered other alternatives to meet the remedial action objectives at each landfill site. A total of four alternatives were reviewed at Site 3 and five alternatives at Site 12.

DVHAA Refreshes Aircraft Displays

The Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association (DVHAA) has recently refreshed its aircraft displays. The large P-3 four engine aircraft was moved back to its original location behind the DVHAA's Museum Building located on Easton Road (Route 611). Additionally, the DVHAA moved a refurbished F-4 Phantom aircraft into the group of aircraft surrounding the Museum Building. It replaced an F-85 aircraft which is now being refurbished.

