

# National Support Activity Bethesda

## Public Notice

**DATE OF THIS NOTICE:** February 22, 2017

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision (Statement of Basis) for no further investigation or cleanup for the National Support Activity Bethesda formerly known as National Naval Medical Center, (MD4170024687). EPA's proposed remedy includes no further corrective action or land use controls for the Facility. Concurrently, EPA is proposing to close the RCRA Corrective Action Permit for this Facility.

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** The Facility consists of approximately 243 acres located in Bethesda, Maryland northwest of Washington, D.C. in Montgomery County, Maryland. The facility is bounded by Wisconsin Avenue (State Route 355, also known as Rockville Pike) to the west; Jones Bridge Road to the south; Stone Ridge School and the Parkview Estates residential neighborhood to the north; Interstate 495 to the northeast; and a local park and Chevy Chase View residential area to the east. The National Institutes of Health complex is located on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue, adjacent to and west of the NNMC property.

The Navy has completed its environmental investigations and studies relating to the 24 Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs), 10 Areas of Concern (AOCs), and a base-wide groundwater evaluation for the Facility. The tasks were performed in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III Permit for Corrective Action (ID No. MD4170024687) dated September 25, 2013. To date, a No Further Action (NFA) determination has been achieved from EPA for all of the SWMUs, AOCs, and groundwater evaluation.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE:** Information regarding EPA's proposed decision and the draft permit is available at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-us-naval-support-activity-bethesda-md-formerly-national>. The Administrative Record which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed decision is available at the EPA Region 3 office, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8 AM – 5 PM. For additional information, contact Luis Pizarro, Mail Code 3LC10, at the EPA address given above; phone: 215-814-3444, fax: 215-814-3113, or e-mail: [pizarro.luis@epa.gov](mailto:pizarro.luis@epa.gov).

**COMMENT PROCESS:** Persons wishing to comment on EPA's proposed decision or permit closing must submit comments within the 45-day comment period ending on April 7, 2017. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy or permit closure. All comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail to Luis Pizarro as listed above. All comments will be considered in making final decision on the proposed remedy and permit closure.