

**The Department of the Navy Announces a
30-Day Public Comment Period
On the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
For the Building 965 Area at Parcel 1A
Former Department of Defense Housing Facility (DODHF)
Novato, California**

The Navy invites public comment on alternatives for removal of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the subsurface at Parcel 1A at the former DODHF in Novato. These four alternatives are presented in a document called the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and can be found at the South Novato Library, 6 Hamilton Landing, Suite 140A, Novato CA, 94949, (415) 506-3164. A copy is also available on the Navy's website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil

The former DODHF Novato is located approximately 20 miles north of San Francisco in Marin County. The Navy is seeking to transfer Parcel 1A to the Novato Unified School District (NUSD). The Navy is evaluating four cleanup alternatives:

- Alternative 1 - No further action (as required under the National Contingency Plan (NCP))
- Alternative 2 - Institutional Controls (ICs)
- Alternative 3 - Source area removal excavation with ICs
- Alternative 4 - Source area removal excavation with contingency SVE (Soil Vapor Extraction) and ICs

The Navy's Preferred Alternative is Alternative 4. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) concurs with Navy's preferred Alternative 4.

30-Day Public Comment Period and for More Information

The Navy will hold a **30-day public comment period through August 14, 2009**. Comments may be submitted in writing or by e-mail. Mailings should be **postmarked no later than August 14, 2009**. For more information or to submit comments, contact:

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In compliance with the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, DTSC has reviewed the proposed activities, and determined that they will not have an adverse effect on public health and the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Draft **Notice of Exemption (NOE)**.

The Draft NOE is also available for public review at the South Novato Library. For further information, or to submit comments on the NOE, contact:

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