The Department of the Navy (Navy) encourages the public to comment on this Proposed Plan for remediation of Installation Restoration (IR) Site 22, Main Magazine Area, in the Inland Area at Former Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Concord (Former NAVWPNSTA Concord), in Concord, California.

IR Site 22 consists of 531 acres, 116 ammunition magazines used to store ammunition and explosives, and 14 buildings used for storing inert equipment. Prior to 1945, before the Navy began construction of magazines and buildings at IR Site 22, land was used for agriculture. During a Site Inspection in 1992, arsenic was detected in soil at the site. Based on research and the pattern of arsenic detection, the Navy believed arsenic-containing herbicide solution may have been sprayed in the open grassland around the magazines to control the growth of weeds to protect the magazines from fire danger. Results of the 2007 remedial investigation (RI) concluded arsenic in surface soil poses an unacceptable risk exposure pathway to potential future residents at IR Site 22.

The Navy is proposing to implement land use controls to limit exposure to arsenic-contaminated soil throughout much of the site and excavate surface soil in a small area contaminated with endrin (a pesticide and insecticide) at Site 22. The land use controls implemented by the Navy will limit exposure to arsenic contamination in surface soil by restricting residential use of the site. However, this will not prevent a future landowner or developer from conducting further cleanup or taking other actions to support less restricted future reuse of the property, with the associated costs borne by the new owner or developer as part of property redevelopment.

A public comment period will be held from April 1 to April 30. Public comments can be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail throughout the comment period. A public meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Clyde Community Center, 109 Wellington Ave., Clyde, CA 94520. Members of the public may also submit written and oral comments at the public meeting. The Navy will consider and respond to the public comments in the Responsiveness Summary of the Record of Decision prepared for Site 22.

Please see the attached Proposed Plan for more details.

For more information on the closure and transfer of Former NAVWPNSTA Concord, please visit the website at: www.bracpmo.navy.mil.