

Off-base alternatives, such as private waste disposal facilities and municipal landfills, were rejected due to the long hauling distances involved, or because operators could not commit to accepting MCB Camp Lejeune solid waste for a sufficient period.

Sites for on-base landfill and associated construction were evaluated against engineering and environmental criteria for suitability. The Piney Green Road site was chosen as the preferred site due to ease of construction, isolation from population centers, and minimization of adverse environmental impacts.

The operation of the landfill and construction and demolition debris waste landfill at the Piney Green Road site will provide MCB Camp Lejeune with a system for non-hazardous solid waste disposal. As regulatory requirements demand more reduction and recycling of solid waste products, the life of this site will increase because less material will be placed in the landfill. The extension of the life of the landfill cannot be calculated at this time since changes in laws and regulations regarding solid waste are not known at this time. MCB Camp Lejeune currently has a program in place for source reduction of waste and recycling of waste materials. The recycling of waste materials could include the composting of wastewater sludge along with yard waste, wood waste, and other solid waste materials.

This action will have no impact on ambient air quality or noise levels. No cultural resources listed, or determined eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places will be impacted by any facility constructed for this project. No impacts to state or Federally listed endangered or threatened plant or animal species are expected from construction and operation of the landfill.

Specific measures will be used to control soil movement from construction and operation activities. These measures will include fabric silt fencing, pervious barriers in drainage ways to reduce runoff velocities and retain sediments on site, and the seeding of open areas when construction activities have ceased at that location.

The terrestrial habitat displaced by these facilities is currently used in part for training. No significant adverse effects to environmentally important habitats will occur. These effects have been minimized by the siting decision made during site evaluation and various studies.

About two acres of wetlands are located on the 170 acre site, any impact

to these wetlands will not occur until the need arises to open future cells of the landfill. Proper permits will be obtained and mitigation, as required, will be performed prior to disturbing these wetlands.

The proposed action has been evaluated with the respect to environmental and social impacts, as well as access to public information and an opportunity for public participation in the NEPA process as required by Executive Order 12989, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." The landfill is consistent with the goals and provisions of the Executive Order.

A Coastal Consistency Determination was prepared for this action and concluded that the action is being conducted in a manner consistent with the enforceable policies of the North Carolina Coastal Zone Management Plan. The North Carolina Division of Coastal Management concurs with this determination.

Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement began with a public scoping process to identify issues that should be addressed in the document. Involvement was offered through a public announcement of the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. This Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 1992. Scoping letters were sent to 70 addresses. The Notice was also published in the Jacksonville Daily News and the Wilmington Star News on October 11-12, 1992.

The Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1993. This document was distributed to officials of Federal, state, and local government agencies, citizen groups and associations, public libraries, and other interested parties. The public review period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was from October 15, 1993 through November 29, 1993. A public hearing was held at the Jacksonville Senior High School, Jacksonville, North Carolina, on November 16, 1993. A small number of comments were received during the comment period. The comments centered on the alternative analysis, wetland impacts, and landfill design. These comments were addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1994. This document was also distributed to officials of Federal, state, and local government agencies,

citizen groups and associations, public libraries, and other interested parties.

The Department of the Navy believes there are no outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to this project. Questions regarding the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Robert Warren, Environmental Management Department, MCB Camp Lejeune, NC 28542, telephone (910) 451-5003.

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CNO Executive Panel; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel will meet April 27-28, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on each day at 4401 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. These sessions will be closed to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct policy discussions to prepare a final briefing on naval warfare innovations in the areas of joint operations, information warfare, naval doctrine, and research and development. These matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

For further information concerning this meeting, contact: Timothy J. Galpin, Assistant for CNO Executive Panel Management, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, VA 22302-0268, Phone: (703) 756-1205.

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