

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT – PART B

### B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

#### 1. Description of the Activity

The Navy has the responsibility for more than 70 military and former military sites, within the Atlantic, Hawaii, Marianas, Mid-Atlantic, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Washington Regions, that fall under the Environmental Restoration Program. Environmental clean-up focus areas include Complex Groundwater, Emerging Contaminants, Munitions Response, Petroleum, Radiological, Sediment, and Vapor Intrusion Sites. Each site has a Project Manager responsible with the duty of keeping the surrounding community informed. Community size varies by site. The goal at each site, however, is to get at least a 10% response rate based on the number of community members within a 5-mile radius of the site.

Communities are kept informed in several ways including a Community Involvement Plan (CIP). Community surveys are conducted to solicit information used to build the CIP. The most recent survey conducted was done for the Former Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant located in Calverton, NY with a population of more than six thousand. The survey opened in May 2022 and as of July 30, 32 survey forms were returned, a .005% response rate based on area population.

#### 2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Describe any of the following if they are used in the collection of information:

1. The survey includes 15 questions. The survey places rules on certain questions. For example, question 4 includes a Likert scale used to indicate level of concern regarding contamination of surface water, groundwater, and soil. For questions 5b, 13b, and 15, an individual may provide comments in addition to their selected responses. The survey also includes a section where individuals may provide additional comments or feedback.
2. Estimation procedures are based on 100 community members. From the above scenario (see number 1), this would mean out of every 100 people only 3 responded. The goal is to increase this by at least 18 out of every 100 which would make the rate of return at least 30% in a population of around 6,000.
3. To ensure a greater response rate and quantifiable data, the goal and purpose of an electronic link will provide greater dissemination, ease of completion, and data collection for the purpose of calculation. The link will be placed on various websites and social media channels as well as sent via emails and may be provided on posters and in flyers that would be made available during community meetings.
4. Unusual problems include a very small sample size based on surveying limitations.

5. The survey is provided once but is typically open for three to five months.

3. Maximization of Response Rates, Non-response, and Reliability

The Calverton, NY survey was conducted May 1 - July 30, 2021, and distributed by paper (a fillable PDF), via a website to community members. Surveys were also available to be completed verbally through a Navy team member during working hours Monday through Thursday. To maximize response rate a Navy Team member reached out and provided the survey and information to Restoration Advisory Board members who are community members, as well as to area colleges and universities, elementary, middle, and high schools. The survey was also provided to various community organizations, including the Riverhead Lions and Rotary Club, both the River Head and Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce, Elected Officials such as the Riverhead Town Supervisor, and community program directors of the Economic Planning and Development, and Riverhead Department of Health. This is the basis, format, and timeframe for all surveys provided related to generating a Community Involvement Plan and may only vary by population size or resources available.

4. Tests of Procedures

No testing is required.

5. Statistical Consultation and Information Analysis

Provide name/organization of person(s) who will actually collect and analyze any information:

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