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Corps Schedules Tanapag PCB Project Public Meeting, Wants Comment on Plan, Study

(Honolulu, July 2) -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu Engineer District has scheduled a public meeting on the Tanapag PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) Remediation Project and released two key documents for public comment.

The public meeting will be held Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the Tanapag Elementary School. Those attending will be briefed on the Proposed Plan that evaluates treatment alternatives for the approximately 20,000 tons of PCB-contaminated soil that have been excavated from Tanapag Village and stockpiled in the village since August 2000. Following the briefing the Corps will solicit and record comments on the plan from the attendees.

Copies of the Proposed Plan and the Focused Feasibility Study for the cleanup of the PCB-contaminated soil are available at the Tanapag Clinic, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe and at the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' Department of Environmental Quality, on the third floor of the Morgen Building in San Jose, Saipan. The documents can also be read and downloaded at the Honolulu Engineer District's Internet web site at the following address:
<http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/tanapag.html>

The Corps will accept comment on the Proposed Plan and the Focused Feasibility Study through August 3. Written comments may be sent to:

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At the conclusion of the comment period, the Corps will review, evaluate and address public comments in making a decision on the cleanup remedy. The Corps' goal in the cleanup is to eliminate the risk of human exposure to PCB contamination and to leave the site clean for safe use in the future. The Corps will select and recommend a cleanup alternative to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who will approve the cleanup method to be used.