



## NAVAL WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT, BEDFORD

NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION (ERN) PROGRAM

MAY 2019

FIVE-YEAR REVIEWS



### NAVY SAYS LAND USE CONTROLS AT ALL SITES ARE PROTECTIVE OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Maritza Montegross stated the Navy believes the land use controls (LUCs) it has imposed, such as easements and deed restrictions which prevent groundwater use and residential development on NWIRP land, are protective of human health and the environment.

She also noted although the Navy does not currently have easements on the privately owned wetlands to the north and west of Hartwell Hill, development in that area is effectively prohibited by its wetland status.

Some form of land use restrictions on the 46 original acres of NWIRP property will last until the Navy achieves its ultimate goal of returning the groundwater to safe drinking water levels for Bedford.

Montegross assured Town officials and residents that the Navy's Five-Year Environmental Reviews will continue for the foreseeable future to ensure that Navy remediation is working and protective of human health and the environment, regardless of land ownership.

*Bedford's Navy Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting took place May 8, 2019 to hear the second Five-Year Review of the Navy's environmental cleanup of contaminated groundwater beneath the land of the former Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP). Maritza Montegross has been the Navy Facilities Engineering Command Remedial Project Manager for the Bedford NWIRP since 2006.*

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