WILLOW GROVE TRIP REPORT

LOCATION: Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, PA

DATE(S): 26-27 June 1996

PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING: Wendy Bridges

PURPOSE OF TRIP: Attend ATSDR Site Visit

SUMMARY:

1. Rick Canady was the lead representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) participating in the Site Visit. Rick Canady gave a formal in-briefing to the Air Force and a few Navy individuals, including me. The brief focused on the reason for the site visit. Mr. James Colter from Northern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command also participated in the site visit.

2. Mr. James Edmund, the Environmental Coordinator for Willow Grove Naval Station, did a good job coordinating the Navy portion of the site visit. Mr. Edmund was very knowledgeable and provided all necessary and requested information to ATSDR.

3. The Naval Air Station identified 10 sites, five of which are "no further action sites." The Air Force identified seven sites, two of which are "no further action sites" and have completed an RI/FS managed by the Air Force for three others. One National Guard site was also identified. Information about these sites was summarized in handouts provided to each participant.

4. The Public Affairs representative reported there were no significant community concerns regarding the base’s sites.

5. The ATSDR out-briefing was conducted by Rick Canady. Major points were:
   a. Possible current areas of contamination for maintenance and construction workers on base.
   b. Past exposure from TCE in the base groundwater.
   c. Runoff from the North End Landfill potentially contaminated with pesticides and PCB's flowing into an unnamed creek which in turn flows into Pennypack Creek. Pennypack Creek is stocked for recreational fishing.
   d. Possible lead in soil at construction area. (Abandoned Rifle Range NO. 1)
CONCLUSION(S):

1. ATSDR did not identify any current completed pathways.
2. ATSDR did not identify any adverse health outcome data.
3. ATSDR did not identify any emergent public health issues; however, they do want to further review the major points listed above.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Continue to participate in the ATSDR site visits.