

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four

Resolution 94-1

To insist upon the containment and ultimate clean up of all nine plumes of contaminated groundwater generated from the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation's soil, groundwater and air have been contaminated by fuel spills, chemical spills, fuel and solvent discharges, landfills, coal and ash storage yard, the sewage treatment plant and former fire-fighter training areas;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation was placed on the National Priority List as a designated Superfund site November, 1989;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation is the source of nine plumes of contaminated groundwater and multiple locations of soil contamination;

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection conducted an inspection of the Massachusetts Military Reservation's operations in July, 1992 and found violations of federal and state laws;

WHEREAS, the National Guard Bureau, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts National Guard and the Boards of Selectmen from Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich have established a new management structure to expedite the clean up of the Superfund site; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been enacted requiring the Massachusetts Military Reservation to conduct a comprehensive basewide environmental assessment.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

Insists upon the containment of all nine plumes of contaminated groundwater over the next twenty-two months and the ultimate clean up of these plumes; and

Supports the coordinated efforts of federal, state, county and local officials and staff working:

- to accelerate the Superfund clean up with all deliberate speed, and
- to fully analyze the present environmental impacts that the Massachusetts Military Reservation has on the Cape's natural resources by conducting a basewide, comprehensive environmental assessment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, with Delegates representing 97.82% of the population of Barnstable County present and voting at a meeting held January 19, 1994.

Attested by:


Diane C. Thompson, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates

The foregoing Resolution was endorsed by the Barnstable County Board of County Commissioners, January 26, 1994.

  