



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Dear Naples Community Family Members,

Currently the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center is making plans to begin environmental testing of air, soil and water at military facilities and homes in neighborhoods where our U.S. military personnel, civilian employees and their families, work and live.

Participation by Navy families is vital to the success of this environmental testing effort. As part of the planning process, the evaluation team will determine where samples will be collected based on geographic location. Once the team determines the locations, we will let everyone know. In the interim, a pilot test, using a very limited number of homes, will be done to work out some of the challenges we may face when conducting the larger testing effort, such as developing a sampling schedule and home or building access issues. Homes for this pilot test will be selected based on criteria set forth by the public health team, which will also be used for the greater environmental study.

The pilot testing is scheduled to begin within the next month. Once the pilot testing is completed, we'll have a better understanding how to proceed with the larger testing effort. We'll keep everyone posted on the progress with this effort. Attached is a similar letter we have sent to the landlords. Landlords will also receive a copy of this letter.

Navy leadership is committed to your health and well-being. The U.S. and Italian governments have both made this study a top priority and we will keep you informed every step of the way. We appreciate your patience with this deliberate and complex process.

As always, I encourage you to ask questions, attend Town Hall Meetings, check the website (<http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/risk>), and to use your chain of command for assistance in getting the answers you deserve.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. L. Hehe", is positioned above the typed name.

G. L. HEHE  
Commanding Officer  
Captain, U.S. Navy