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### **Navy completes remediation at Mayfair Mews**

Norfolk, Va. – The Navy has completed its remediation at the Mayfair Mews Apartments following the April 6, 2012 F/A-18D Hornet mishap.

The remediation work included:

- 27 units/10 buildings condemned by the City of Virginia Beach were demolished by the Navy's remediation company HEPACO. Demolition was completed April 17.
- Debris removal was completed April 21.
- Soil remediation, which included removal of contaminated soil, was completed April 23.
- Final Site remediation was completed May 7.
- There were 37 undamaged units. These units were professionally cleaned, which included solid surface wipe down, as well as vacuuming of the carpet and ductwork.

All utility services to the apartments were restored by utility companies on May 8, and the city subsequently rescinded its order declaring apartments without utility service uninhabitable.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality issued a letter to the Navy today closing its case for site remediation, noting that further corrective action is not warranted.

Throughout the remediation procedure, the Navy has been in contact with the property owner regarding the process.

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The call center established after the mishap has been discontinued; however residents can still call Norfolk Tort Claims Unit at 757-341-4583 with claims questions.

The claims process continues for displaced residents. Shortly after the mishap, each displaced family was provided emergency assistance for housing, food and clothing for two weeks. Approximately \$166,000 was distributed to affected families. Before these funds were exhausted, a second distribution of emergency assistance totaling more than \$100,000 was paid to those residents who could not re-enter their homes because they were uninhabitable. For those residents whose homes were destroyed, advance payments of up to \$10,000 were available on their claim against the Navy if they had not already received an advance from their insurance carrier. Residents are strongly encouraged to contact the Tort Claims Unit with any questions.

Residents have up to two years to file a claim against the Navy. They can file a claim with their private insurance carrier (if they have one) or directly with the Navy. If their loss exceeds their insurance coverage, a resident can file a claim with the Navy for the additional amount. Claims forms have been distributed to all residents of Mayfair Mews. They are also available on-line at <http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/documents/SF95081309a.pdf>.

The investigation into the mishap is ongoing. Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic has the lead on this investigation.

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**Note to media: For more information on the property and the status of residential occupancy, please contact property management. For more information on the claims process, please contact Jen Zeldis, PAO for the Office of the Judge Advocate General, at 202-685-5493. For more information on the investigation, please contact CNAL PAO, Cmdr. Phil Rosi at 757-444-3373.**