



Maryland NAVHOSP Bethesda

Facility and Location

In 1938, the U.S. Congress appropriated funds to acquire land for the construction of a new naval medical center and President Roosevelt selected the present site in Bethesda on July 5, 1938. The original medical center was composed of the Naval Hospital (NAVHOSP) the Naval Medical School, the Naval Dental School (now the National Naval Dental Center), and the Naval Medical Research Institute.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure committee recommended Walter Reed Army Medical Center be closed and that its operations be merged with the National Naval Medical Center to create Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, a modernized joint forces central medical facility created by expanding the current NAVHOSP Bethesda. The new facility became operational in September 2011.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2007, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 1 and 1.3 ppb. Prior to 2007, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.29 and 0.35 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.