



NAVY MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FORMER MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) prepared this monthly progress report (MPR) to discuss progress and issues in relation to the environmental cleanup of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California. This MPR does not discuss cleanup work performed by the City of Vallejo and its developers, Lennar Mare Island and Weston Solutions, through the Navy's Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements. The work completed under the Navy Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements is reported separately by each respective party. This MPR discusses progress made during the reporting period from October 29, 2004 through December 2, 2004. The information provided below includes updates to field work and removal actions; document submittals; and the progress of regulatory reviews, issues associated with Navy environmental programs, and Remedial Project Manager (RPM) and Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings.

2.0 FIELD WORK AND REMOVAL ACTIONS

During the November reporting period the Navy conducted confirmation soil sampling at Investigation Area F1 and drain cleanout at Building A17. No field work is scheduled for the December reporting period.

The Navy awarded a new contract to Weston Solutions on November 24, 2004 for the completion of the removal action cleanup at the Marine Corps Firing Range. The work includes completing soil cleanup for lead from bullets and the cleanup of munitions at a former dredge pond outfall. The work is expected to be complete in September 2005.

3.0 RAB TOUR

On November 6, 2004, the Navy lead a tour of Mare Island for the RAB. Nine RAB members and their guests participated in the tour, along with representatives from Lennar and Weston Solutions. Attendees were taken to several sites across Mare Island, including the Horse Stables site, the Investigation Area H1 Landfill, Wetland X, the Western Magazine Area, a polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) site, and a lead-based paint removal site. Participants also viewed a typical monitoring well at Installation Restoration Area 17 to observe how this important environmental investigation tool is used.



RAB tour participants get a close-up view of Wetland X.

RAB tour participants visit a lead-based paint site and view a recent excavation.



David Godsey (Navy) shines a light in a monitoring well so tour participants can see the water level.

4.0 DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS AND PROGRESS OF REGULATORY REVIEW

Documents Submitted This Month

The Navy submitted two documents to the regulatory agencies during the November reporting period, for a total of 21 documents submitted during the 2004 calendar year. The documents submitted during this reporting period were the Draft Final Letter Report Groundwater Sampling for Perchlorate at Investigation Area F1, and the Navy Letter Proposing a Path Forward for IR17.

Comments Received This Month

The Navy received one regulatory comment from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) during this reporting period. The comment was on the Draft Final Letter Report, Groundwater Sampling for Perchlorate at Investigation Area F1. The comment stated that the RWQCB agrees that no further testing for perchlorate is warranted at this time. The Navy received a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in July 2004 stating concurrence that further testing for perchlorates at Investigation Area F1 was not warranted at this time.

Year-To-Date Progress

The documents presented in the table below include only documents that address sites where the Navy remains responsible for the completion of cleanup work.

Number of Documents Submitted by the Navy in 2004	21
Number of DTSC Comments Received by the Navy in 2004	7
Number of EPA Comments Received by the Navy in 2004	8
Number of RWQCB Comments Received by the Navy in 2004	7

Spotlight Document

The Navy is working with the agencies to determine the appropriate path forward to ultimately gain site closure for Installation Restoration Site 17 (the former paint factory). In November 2004, the Navy submitted a letter to the agencies with a brief background of the site and investigations that have been conducted, as well as a proposed strategy for site closure. The Navy is looking forward to receiving agency comments on this proposal in January 2005.



Tour participants Diana Krevsky (RAB member) and Myrna Hayes (RAB Community Co-Chair) at Building 1322, the PCB Site.



Jerry Dunaway (Navy) speaks to RAB tour participants about the work done at the Horse Stables Site.

5.0 POTENTIAL EARLY TRANSFER PARCELS

Early Transfer of Property at Mare Island

- Weston:** Reuse Area 1 (Parcels II and XV-B)
Remainder of Regional Park (Parcel VII-B)
- Lennar:** DRMO Site (Parcel XVII)
MCFR Site (Parcel XIX and portion of I)
Reuse Area 10 (Parcels V and VI)

The Navy continues to work with the City of Vallejo to make progress on the early transfer of the parcels listed above. The Navy believes that the City of Vallejo's recent termination of the arrangement with Weston Solutions for Reuse Area 1 may affect the early transfer progress. The Navy's goal is to include all remaining properties scheduled to transfer to the City of Vallejo in one early transfer. These parcels are listed above. Future transfers will be based on reaching agreements on property transfer schedules and acceptable cleanup cost proposals.

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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 27, 2005
Thursday, March 3, 2005
Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Location: John F. Kennedy Library
505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, California 94590