



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 those agreements is reported separately by each respective party. This MPR discusses progress made during the reporting period from March 4, 2005 through March 31, 2005. 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

To address regulatory closure of facilities subject to the Navy's hazardous waste facility permit for Mare Island, the Navy is completing cleanup and investigation work of the former industrial wastewater pipeline in the southerly portion of Mare Island. This section of the pipeline crosses the Army Reserve parcel and terminates at Investigation Area F2 in the former painting and sandblasting area. The Navy shut down this portion of the pipeline several years before closure of the shipyard and is following up with that work to meet regulatory closure requirements. The pipeline is being flushed to remove any residual wastewater that may still be in the pipe, and the Navy is evaluating the integrity of the pipe to determine if leaks may have occurred.

The pictures to the right show the pipeline after excavations exposed them, and sandblast abrasive material can be observed in some of the trenches. This sandblast abrasive material is often called greensand because it contains nickel material that makes it appear green in color. This work and the condition of the pipeline will be documented in a report later this year.

All other sections of the former industrial wastewater pipeline are undergoing similar closure activities through the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements the Navy put in place for both the Eastern Early Transfer Parcel (work performed by Lennar) and Investigation Area H1 (work performed by Weston). The Navy's work was modeled off of and uses the same contractor as Lennar's work due to the similarities of this pipeline segment.



The photographs show the former industrial wastewater pipeline. The green-colored material is sandblast grit referred to as greensand.

3.0 DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS AND PROGRESS OF REGULATORY REVIEW

The Navy submitted one document to the regulatory agencies during the March reporting period. That document was the *CERCLA Response Action and Request for Initiation of Formal Consultation*. The Navy received 3 comments from the regulatory agencies during the March reporting period. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) submitted comments on the *Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan Addendum, Additional Characterization at Former Degreasing Plant Investigation Area C2*. In addition, the EPA also commented on the *Responses to EPA Comments on the Draft Remedial Investigation for Investigation Area F2*.

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 2005	9
Number of DTSC Comments Received by the Navy in 2005	4
Number of EPA Comments Received by the Navy in 2005	3
Number of Water Board Comments Received by the Navy in 2005	2

4.0 POTENTIAL EARLY TRANSFER PARCELS

Early Transfer of Property at Mare Island

- Weston:** Remainder of Regional Park (Parcel VII-B)
- Lennar:** Reuse Area 1 (Parcels II and XV-B)
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. A meeting was held February 10, 2005 between the Navy, the City of Vallejo and Lennar to discuss the recent change for Reuse Area 1, which was originally slated for Weston to develop. Lennar is now expected to be the developer for that area. The Navy's goal is to include all remaining properties scheduled to transfer to the City of Vallejo in one early transfer. Recently, Navy senior leadership in Washington provided their approval to move forward with early transfer negotiations. Some concern had focused on the appropriateness of using Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements. The next step is for the Navy and Lennar to work with DTSC to present the concept for dealing with remaining Munitions and Explosives of Concern at the Production and Manufacturing Area so that it can be the basis for early transfer negotiations for that work. 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, March 31, 2005
Thursday, April 28, 2005
Thursday, May 26, 2005
Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

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