



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 environmental cleanup at the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (Mare Island) in Vallejo, California. This MPR does not typically 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 October 27, 2006 through November 30, 2006. 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 FIELDWORK AND REMOVAL ACTIONS

The Navy conducted several sampling events at Investigative Area F1 (IA F1) during the month of November 2006. The events included supplemental sampling for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act contaminants and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) sampling per the 2004 PCB data gap report. In addition, groundwater monitoring wells were installed at two separate locations within IA F1.

The Navy is conducting soil excavation field work at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) fenced scrapyard area. Excavated soil that is tested and exceeds cleanup goals in the DRMO fenced scrapyard area will be stockpiled and then properly disposed. All areas that are excavated in the DRMO area will be backfilled with clean soil. The excavation field work will be concluded at the DRMO fenced scrapyard area in December 2006.

In December 2006, the Navy plans to perform a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of rapid sediment characterization tools. The rapid sediment characterization tools may be used to analyze sediments for metals and PCBs at Mare Island. The data will be used to evaluate the future use of rapid sediment characterization tools in the upcoming sediment study. Additional sediment sampling will be done in December 2006 to confirm the presence of Asian clams and bottom-dwelling fish at Mare Island.

Fieldwork Investigation Areas



Field Work at the DRMO Area 2



F1 Reserve Pier



3.0 DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS AND PROGRESS OF REGULATORY REVIEW

The Navy submitted three documents during the November 2006 reporting period: the “Draft Final Site Investigation Sampling Field Variance Form for IA F1,” “Response to comments (RTC) on the Draft Remedial Action Plan/Record of Decision for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 17,” and the “RTC on the Draft Proposed Plan for IR Site 17 at IA A1.”

The Navy did not receive any regulatory agency comments during the November 2006 reporting period.

RPM meetings are held regularly with the Navy, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) to discuss environmental cleanup progress at Mare Island. The next RPM meeting at Mare Island is scheduled for November 30, 2006.

The Navy is plans to submit four documents during the December 2006 reporting period: the “Remedial Investigation Report for the MI Strait and Carquinez Strait Offshore Munitions Area,” “Supplementary Site Investigation Report and Conceptual Site Model for Fleet Reserve Pier and Berths 1 and 2,” “Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons Technical Memorandum, DRMO Area,” and the “Expanded Site Investigation Report for Manhole D1-C85/Building 742 for IA C2 (Manhole D1-C85).”

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 2006	17
Number of DTSC Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	21
Number of EPA Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	8
Number of Water Board Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	8

4.0 POTENTIAL EARLY TRANSFER PARCELS

Early Transfer of Property at Mare Island

North end of the island (Parcels II and XV-B),
 DRMO Site (Parcel XVII),
 Marine Corps Firing Range Site (Parcel XIX and portion of I),
 Reuse Area 10 (Parcels V and VI), and
 Remainder of Regional Park (Parcel VII-B)

The City of Vallejo is considering an alternative development proposal for the north end of the island involving Touro University. Continuation of discussions with the City of Vallejo and Lennar on early transfer issues is expected to be contingent on the outcome of these discussions affecting the north end of the island. Ultimately, should early transfer proceed, the Navy expects to issue a Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer to describe the proposed early transfer project after the necessary agreements have been executed to allow the early transfer to proceed. The Navy’s goal is to include all remaining properties scheduled for transfer to the City of Vallejo in one early transfer.

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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



The RAB meets the last Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted. RAB meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are held at:

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