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The Navy developed this newsletter to update the community on the environmental program at former Naval Station Treasure Island (NAVSTA TI). NAVSTA TI encompasses both Treasure Island (TI) and Yerba Buena Island (YBI). The Navy established the Installation Restoration (IR) Program in 1981 to investigate and cleanup sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Environmental investigations and cleanup under the IR Program and other programs began on NAVSTA TI in the mid-1980s and continue today. The Navy has identified 33 IR sites on TI and YBI and is following the regulatory process of investigating and cleaning up each site. Please share this information with members of your family, friends, and representatives from any local organizations that may benefit. Individuals, businesses, and organizations can receive future newsletters by completing and returning the mailing coupon on the back page of this newsletter. We also welcome your comments on the newsletter.

UPDATE ON THE TREASURE ISLAND HOUSING AREA

The Navy wants to thank the community for your recent input on environmental cleanup alternatives that were being evaluated for the TI Housing Area (referred to in Navy documents as Site 12). The Navy held a public meeting on October 24, 2006. Over 50 community members attended to ask questions and give input on environmental cleanup for the green fenced locations and some adjacent locations in the TI Housing Area. Thanks to input from residents and collaboration from the regulatory agencies, the Navy has a preferred cleanup alternative for portions of the TI Housing Area.

The Navy also held an information meeting on November 29, 2006 to discuss the preferred cleanup alternative and corresponding planned fieldwork. About 30 community members attended the November meeting to talk to the Navy and their contractors about the work plans and anticipated impacts to residents. The Navy and their contractors will begin fieldwork in early 2007. **Residents of the TI Housing Area should look for notices about fieldwork and traffic restrictions in early 2007.** The Navy is making every effort to keep you informed about the project and limit disruptions.

If you have any questions about the project in the TI Housing Area, please contact James Sullivan at (619) 532-0966 or james.b.sullivan2@navy.mil. For copies of recent fact sheets about the TI Housing Area, see the Navy's website at: www.bracpmo.navy.mil/bracbases/california/treasure_island.



A View of the Treasure Island Housing Area

TEAM MEMBER PROFILE

PETE BOURGEOIS

The Navy recently sat down to talk with one of the consultants working on the NAVSTA TI environmental program, Pete Bourgeois. If you attended any of the recent TI Housing Area public meetings, you may have met Pete and talked with him about the planned work.



Pete Bourgeois (left)
Receives an Award of Appreciation from the Navy

**NAVY: How long have you been on the TI project?
What specifically is your focus on the project?**

PETE: I have been working on the TI project for 7 years, first as a Quality Control Manager, and for the past 5 years as a Project Manager. For the last 2 years, I have also been the Base Coordinator for Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc [Shaw].

NAVY: How long have you been with your company?

PETE: I have worked for Shaw and the company they bought, IT Corporation, for 17 years.

NAVY: Where did you go to school?

PETE: I went to school at University of California at Santa Barbara. I have a B.S. in Geology and a B.A. in Environmental Science.

NAVY: What do you like best about the TI project?

PETE: I like the many different types of projects that we have completed on TI, including petroleum, CERCLA, time-critical removals, non-time critical removals, etc. I have to say that I enjoy the team that TI has had. I don't think I have worked with a group of professionals, (i.e. agency representatives, Navy representatives, city representatives, and other contractors), that are as goal oriented as this team has been.

NAVY: What do you find challenging or rewarding about your job/this project?

PETE: Completing a task or project on time, under budget, and safely providing the client a service that helps them with their final goal is challenging and rewarding. For TI the goal is to complete the environmental issues and bring the sites to closure.

NAVY: What do you like to do in your free time?

PETE: I try to keep myself outdoors as much as possible. I play competitive tennis and enjoy playing golf. I like going camping and hiking with my two "kids" – Dallas my yellow Labrador and Guinness my Bernese mountain dog. I love to travel and I'm always looking for new and exciting places to visit throughout the world. I also finished my culinary academy training 2 years back, and enjoy cooking when time allows.



Treasure Island during construction in the 1930's

ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIAL AT NAVSTA TI

The Navy has investigated and addressed asbestos at NAVSTA TI. Read on for an explanation of what asbestos is and a description of the Navy's asbestos program.

What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of tiny bundles of fibers. Asbestos was commonly added to materials used for heat and sound insulation in buildings. The small fibers in asbestos may become airborne when asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are damaged or disturbed. When these fibers get into the air they may be inhaled into the lungs, where they can cause health problems. Asbestos is only a hazard if it is damaged or disturbed.

What Has the Navy Done to Investigate Asbestos at NAVSTA TI?

The Navy has an ACM program at NAVSTA TI. ACM is material that contains more than 1% asbestos. The Navy's policy for ACM is to (1) manage ACM in a manner protective of human health and the environment and (2) comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing hazards from ACM.

As part of their ACM program, the Navy has conducted several surveys since 1995. Because asbestos is only a health hazard if it is damaged, standard practice is to leave asbestos in place unless it is damaged or accessible, and inspect it regularly to ensure it has not been damaged. In any locations where ACM was found to be damaged or accessible, the Navy removed it, contained it, or otherwise put in place precautions to prohibit access to it.

In leased residential and non-residential buildings, the Navy requires the leasing company to monitor ACM in the building. If you have any questions about ACM, please contact your building manager.

Environmental Program Accomplishments in 2006

At the close of the calendar year, the Navy is looking back at some of the milestones achieved during 2006. Fact sheets and public notices about these milestones have been mailed or posted for the community, and can be found on the Navy's website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil/bracbases/california/treasure_island. A map with site names and locations is on page 5.

✓ Findings of Suitability to Transfer (FOST)

A FOST is a document that states certain parcels of property are suitable for transfer. It does not actually transfer the property, but the FOST document is a key milestone in the process. The Navy completed one FOST for portions of TI in February 2006 and one for portions of YBI in March 2006.

✓ Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

An EE/CA evaluates cleanup alternatives for conducting a removal action. In October 2006, the Navy released an EE/CA for portions of Site 12, the TI Housing Area. (See the Housing Area Update on page 1 for more information).

✓ Remedial Investigations (RI)

An RI provides a thorough look at a site including taking samples of air, groundwater, and/or soil, and assessing potential risk to human health or the environment. In 2006, the Navy began preparation of RI reports for Sites 6, 21, 24, 30, 32, 33, and 8, 28, 29 and finalized RI reports for Sites 30 and 31.

✓ Feasibility Studies (FS)

An FS evaluates site-specific cleanup alternatives. In 2006, the Navy prepared FS reports for Sites 30 and 31.

✓ Proposed Plan (PP)

A PP is a fact-sheet style document that states the preferred cleanup alternative for a particular site. In September 2006, the Navy sent the entire community mailing list a PP for Sites 9 and 10 that proposed no action as the preferred alternative to close the site.

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For these documents, and all documents related to environmental cleanup at NAVSTA TI, visit the Navy's Information Repositories, located at the following addresses:

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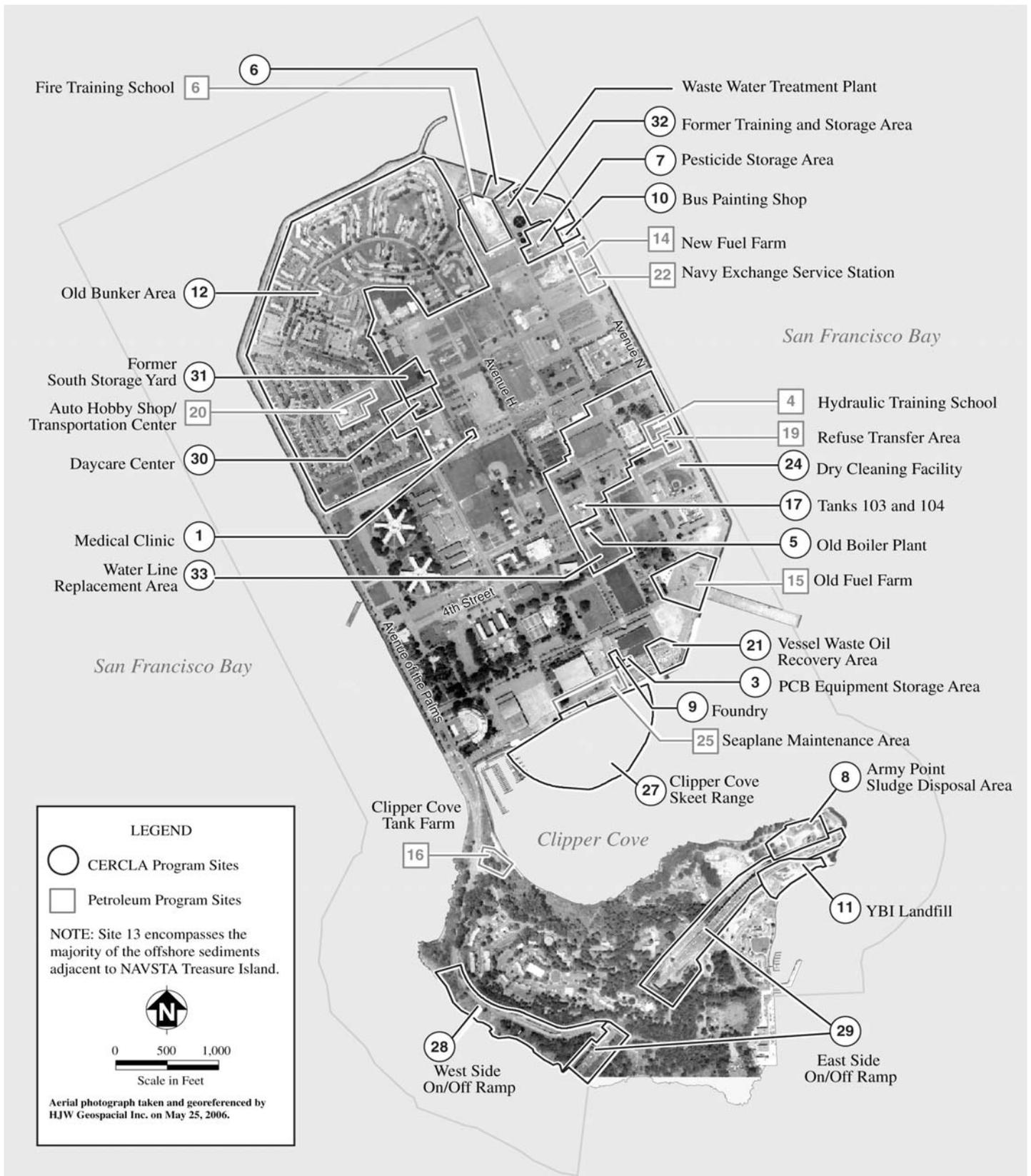
JOIN THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is composed of members of the community who work with the Navy and regulatory agencies to provide input on the environmental restoration of former NAVSTA TI. Regular meetings are held to discuss the progress of the Environmental Cleanup Program. **It is a great opportunity to find out what is going on and to have your voice heard.** RAB meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every other month at the Casa de la Vista on TI and are open to everyone. Upcoming RAB meetings are currently scheduled for December 19, 2006; February 20, 2007; and April 17, 2007. Stop by! For more information, contact James Sullivan at (619) 532-0966 or send an e-mail to james.b.sullivan2@navy.mil.

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NAVSTA TI IR PROGRAM SITE MAP



LEGEND

- CERCLA Program Sites
- Petroleum Program Sites

NOTE: Site 13 encompasses the majority of the offshore sediments adjacent to NAVSTA Treasure Island.


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 Scale in Feet

Aerial photograph taken and georeferenced by HJW Geospatial Inc. on May 25, 2006.

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