

# Memorandum

**To:** RAB Members  
**CC:** RAB File, Attendees  
**From:** D. Barney  
**Date:** 12/8/2005  
**Re:** Clean-up Update

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Dear RAB Members,

This memorandum is provided as requested at the last (October 2005) RAB meeting. The following summarizes the recent activities that have occurred.

## **Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites**

Tile Leach Field – An informational poster session, presentation with questions and answers and a public hearing on the Navy Proposed Plan for this site (No Action) was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Comments have been received on the record for this action and the Navy is formulating responses. A responsiveness summary will be developed and incorporated into the Record of Decision for this site.

Rubble Disposal Area – The Navy began fieldwork in early November to complete excavation and off site disposal of PCB impacted soils and hydric (wetland) soils at the RDA. This excavation was completed and the soil cover system was constructed and the wetland areas were restored. Seeding of the wetland area will occur this year and seeding of the newly constructed upland area will occur next spring along with additional seeding in previously completed areas that exhibit limited vegetation. The final Long Term Monitoring Plan and final Operations and Maintenance Plans should be submitted by the end of this year.

West Gate Landfill – The Navy submitted a draft Proposed Plan for in place closure of this site and have received comment letters from EPA and MADEP. Responses are pending discussions with the SSTTDC.

Basewide Assessment – The Navy has awarded the contract and the fieldwork began December 7<sup>th</sup> with reconnaissance of French stream, both branches. Fieldwork will continue into January 07.

Sewage Treatment Plant – The Navy is responding to comments received on the draft soil and ground water sampling plan. Comment resolution and fieldwork activities are expected to occur early next year.

Building 81 and 82 – The Navy conducted drilling activities at Building 81 site to clear obstruction from previously developed boreholes and followed this work with “down hole” geophysical assessments which included such techniques as fluid temperature, fluid resistivity, caliper, acoustic televiewer, and heat-pulse flow meter logging. Also, preliminary fieldwork occurred at Building 82 that included well inspection and development, hydraulic conductivity testing and water level measurements.

Solvent Release Area – The Navy has received and responded to comments and has met with EPA and MADEP to clarify and/or resolve outstanding issues. Geophysical activities will begin early next year, weather permitting. This will begin a stepwise approach allowing the investigation to be continuously refined based on newly acquired data.

### **Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) Sites**

Jet Fuel Pipeline (Holding Tank Area) – Post injection monitoring well samples have been collected and submitted for analysis. Results should be available in January 2006.

Fire Fighting Training Area – The Navy met with the Rockland Conservation Committee on October 25<sup>th</sup> to present and discuss the fieldwork proposed in the final Release Abatement Measure (RAM) plan. Test pit work began during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> and continued to November 29<sup>th</sup>. A soil management plan will be generated detailing the scope of impacted soil removal.

### **Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) Sites**

Area of Concern (AOC) 8 – The soil/sediment removal action at the former Radio Receiver Building, Building 70, was completed this October. The area still needs to be revegetated with native plant species. The next step in the CERCLA process will be to combine the removal actions at AOCs 8 and 53 into a No Further Action Proposed Plan. This is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2006.

Area of Concern (AOC) 55C – (Area North of Trotter Road – Ponding Area) A work plan and wetlands assessment have been completed for the proposed removal action at the site. Pre-removal action activities will include clearing, surface geophysics, test pitting and exploratory sampling and are scheduled for the next few months, weather permitting. Once the removal action is complete the wetlands will be restored.

Areas of Concern (AOCs) – 3, 13, 15, 100 – The Navy held a public hearing, on November 10th for a No Further Action Proposed Plan for these four CERCLA AOCs. The public comment recently period ended. The next step in the process is a No Further Action Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is anticipated in early 2006.

AOC 4A (Air Traffic Control Tower Septic System), AOC 14 (Stained Area Near Railroad Spur near Water Tower – south of Building 117), AOC 55D (Area North of Trotter Road – Wetland Area), and AOC 83 (former 90 Day Hazardous Waste Storage Area) – CERCLA risk assessments have been completed at these sites and a No Further Action Proposed Plan is currently being developed.

*January 3, 2006*

**Solid Waste**

Navy submitted in September 05 a Corrective Action Alternatives Analysis (CAAA) pursuant to a compliance letter submitted by MADEP in March 05. Navy is in receipt of SSTTDC letter, and a similar request from Mayor of Weymouth, suggesting that the Navy suspend actions for 60 days.

Please feel free to contact me at 617-753-4656 or e-mail [barneyda@efane.navfac.navy.mil](mailto:barneyda@efane.navfac.navy.mil) if you have any questions or concerns related to this memo or any restoration activities.

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