Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Monthly Status Report-March, 2003

Former Navy Property, Western Vieques, Puerto Rico

This report provides the Technical Review Committee (TRC) with a status of ongoing work at the Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (SWMUs and AOCs) on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD) property in western Vieques. The following is a summary of the activities completed during March 2003 and anticipated activities during the next few months:

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

SWMU 4

The Phase III field work continues; currently 20 acres are being investigated. Subcontractor Timberline Environmental has completed the brush cutting and NAEVA Geophysical has finished the geophysical data collection. Additional funding was received for 27 acres. The field work is expected to continue through May into early June.

Draft No Further Action (NFA) Report for Nine Sites

The Draft NFA Report for Nine Sites at NASD was completed and comments were received from EPA and EQB. A set of draft responses were provided electronically to EPA and PREQB. A copy of the Draft Final NFA report is scheduled to be released by May 30th to the TRC.

RI/FS Work Plan for SWMU 6, SWMU 7, AOC H, and AOC J

A Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan for SWMU 6, SWMU 7, AOC H and AOC J was submitted for review to the agencies; awaiting comments. This work plan will be sent to the TRC soon after comments from the agencies are received and addressed.

Public Information

A fact sheet to provide the general public with updates on environmental restoration activities at NASD has been put on hold, due to activities on Eastern Vieques, and is expected to be distributed in late May or June.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

TRC Meeting

- We are in the process of finalizing the dates for the next TRC meeting that was tentatively scheduled for late May.
- After the date for the next meeting is set, the agenda will be developed in consultation with the TRC Co-Chairs.

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Field Work

- Field work is tentatively planned to begin in June 2003 for the RI for SWMUs 6, 7 and AOCs H, J. There is no status change for this item.
- A work plan will be prepared for the RI/FS work at SWMU 4, with the intent of conducting field work for the environmental RI for SWMU 4 in late summer 2003. There is no status change for this item.

Reports

• Revise and provide Draft Final NFA report to TRC by May 30th for their review and discussion at the TRC meeting in the summer (tentative date not yet identified).