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Mayport Naval Station fined $10,000 by pollution division

From staff

The Mayport Naval Station has been fined $10,000 by Jacksonville's pollution division for continuing to be tardy in submitting environmental reports, officials said yesterday.

The city Bio-Environmental Services Division is alleging that the Navy has committed 20 violations of a compliance plan it signed in 1988, associate pollution control engineer Jerry Woosley said.

The compliance plan was forged after the base was cited for submitting environmental reports late.

Most of the alleged violations are for late submittal of environmental reports, which is the original violation," Woosley said. "They keep doing that. We don't like that."

This is the first time the city has fined a facility for violating a compliance agreement, he said. The Navy can appeal the fine to the city Environmental Protection Board.

Navy Cmdr. Ed Darrow said the command is surprised and puzzled by the citation.

In one alleged violation, the Navy was supposed to conduct an air emissions study and submit it by Oct. 16, 1989. According to the pollution division, the study still has not been submitted.