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Naval Station Mayport - An Environmental Leader

Naval Station Mayport's reputation as an environmental leader reaches beyond our local community. The Navy has recognized Naval Station Mayport's commitment to the environment by making Naval Station Mayport part of the Navy's Environmental Leadership Program (NELP). NELP is an initiative developed by the Chief of Naval Operations to create a blueprint for future environmentally sound operations at Navy and Marine Corps installations throughout the country. Two naval bases have been selected to participate in NELP: Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California, and Naval Station Mayport.

NELP will enhance all elements of an environmental management program. NELP activities strive to promote the use of new and innovative technologies during cleanup and pollution prevention. Implementation of NELP at Naval Station Mayport will promote compliance activities and speed environmental cleanup. Technological demonstrations implemented through NELP at Naval Station Mayport will provide a framework for cost-effective, innovative technologies to remediate contamination and prevent pollution at naval installations throughout the world.

What is C³P²?

The NELP initiative represents a new way to address the current and long-term environmental strategy for the Navy and for Naval Station Mayport. Four primary goals behind NELP can be represented as C³P², highlighting the Navy's commitment to:

- cleaning up the environment,
- remaining in full compliance with all applicable local, State and Federal environmental regulations,
- protecting local natural resources and conserving energy, and
- reducing the amount of pollution with innovative programs for waste minimization and recycling.

NELP in Action

Four NELP technology demonstrations are slated to be conducted at Naval Station Mayport. Three are cleanup activities, and one is focused on pollution prevention strategies. These four projects involve a commitment of more than \$850,000 in funding. Details about these projects and the innovative technologies will be the focus of an upcoming fact sheet.

The Navy is committed to cleaning up the environment the best, safest, and most cost-effective way possible. NELP activities at Naval Station Mayport are leading the way!

Clean Up

Compliance

Conservation



C³ +

Pollution Prevention (P²) =

C³P²

Dear Neighbor:

It has been almost a full year since we took the first step toward establishing our aggressive and open community involvement plan concerning the environmental cleanup efforts at Naval Station Mayport. One of the promises I made at last December's initial town meeting was to keep you, our neighbors, thoroughly informed of our environmental programs and cleanup plans and progress.

Since then, we have established a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) made up of members of the local community, Naval Station Mayport environmental engineers, and regional government environmental regulators. With almost a dozen meetings under their belt now, the RAB's community members have learned a great deal about all aspects of our environmental cleanup programs so that they may better communicate our plans to you.

But effective communication is a two-way street. The RAB is also in place to provide you with a voice in our cleanup process. The RAB's community members are your "environmental delegates." They exist to represent your interests in our cleanup plans. If you have not attended one of our RAB meetings, I encourage you to do so to learn more about our programs and provide your input into the process.

Along with this quarterly newsletter, we have also published a number of fact sheets on our environmental restoration measures. I hope you have found them useful and informative. For those who would like more detailed information about our programs, a wealth of documents related to the environmental cleanup activities at Naval Station Mayport are contained in our public information repository, housed at the Beaches Branch Public Library in Neptune Beach.

Our RAB has been successful because of the dedicated involvement of concerned community members like you. Keep up your important work. We'll continue to take the very best care of the precious environment you have entrusted to us, and I promise to keep you informed at every turn.



*SCOTT T. CANTFIL
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
Naval Station Mayport*

Update: The Corrective Action Management Plan

As part of the ongoing environmental cleanup at Naval Station Mayport, the Navy is updating its Corrective Action Management Plan (CAMP). The CAMP outlines the strategy for conducting cleanup activities and is approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The CAMP provides the timeline for the environmental cleanup at Naval Station Mayport. The CAMP prioritizes sites to be cleaned up and also contains a rigid schedule for the submittal of work plans and reports.

Any changes to the CAMP must be approved by the FDEP and USEPA. Naval Station Mayport is updating the CAMP for adjustments in the environmental cleanup program. The revised CAMP will be available in the information repository. If you have any questions about the CAMP or the new schedule of events, please call Cheryl Mitchell at 904-270-6730.

The Peregrine Falcon: Passing Through Naval Station Mayport

When birds fly south for the winter for warmer climates, many of them stop by Naval Station Mayport. The peregrine falcon, listed as a threatened species (*Falco Peregrinus*) according to Federal and State laws, is one of our many visitors. Although this bird has become increasingly rare, it can and does live almost anywhere except Antarctica.

Peregrine falcons are part of the falcon family and have characteristic long pointed wings. They have dark blue or slate barred wings and yellow feet. These falcons generally mate for life. In courtship, the birds utter repeated long, drawn-out calls of "witchew, witchew" in recognition of their mate. These birds do not build their own nests preferring instead to nest on cliffs, bluffs, pinnacles, slopes, or sand dunes overlooking water.

Peregrine falcons feed on other birds, especially pigeons and shorebirds, and some fish. Often the falcon can be seen soaring overhead and diving at great speeds after prey. When foraging for prey, this bird has been known to attack human intruders. In the past, falconers captured peregrine falcons and used them to hunt small prey. Recently, the widespread use of pesticides resulted in a decline in the population of these vulnerable birds. The decreased use of dangerous pesticides has allowed the peregrine falcon population to rebound.

The peregrine falcon is a migratory bird to the Mayport area, which has little habitat to support nesting. However, because they do migrate through Mayport yearly, Naval Station Mayport is protecting the peregrine falcons by increasing awareness of this special species as they pass through the area.



Peregrine Falcon

The RAB Is Moving Ahead

The Naval Station Mayport Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a group of local citizens, Navy personnel, and regulatory representatives working together to address the cleanup issues at Naval Station Mayport. The RAB is intended to provide a forum for meaningful two-way communication between the Navy and the local community. It is important not only for the RAB to be fully aware of activities at Naval Station Mayport, but also for them to inform local citizens of RAB activities and relay community concerns to the Navy and regulatory representatives. If you have any questions about the RAB and would like to become more involved, contact the RAB Community Co-Chair, Bob Weiss, at 904-246-4591 or the Navy Co-Chair, Cheryl Mitchell, at 904-270-6730.

Throughout the summer and fall, the RAB has been learning about the scientific basis for many of the environmental activities conducted at Naval Station Mayport. Beginning in January, the RAB will work with the Navy in learning how the Relative Risk Ranking system has been applied to determine which sites require cleanup. In addition, the RAB will be hosting an open house and availability session in the spring, showcasing the progress made in environmental cleanup.

The RAB would also like to welcome its newest member, Edwin Cordes, a retired hydrogeologist living in Atlantic Beach. Edwin has been an involved attendee at all RAB meetings and makes an excellent addition!

Don't forget ...

All RAB meetings are open to the public, and your attendance is encouraged. Our next meeting will be held **January 18** at the Atlantic Beach City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Please stop by!

Questions & Answers

Naval Station Mayport - who to call:

For general questions or information about Naval Station Mayport and the environmental programs, contact:

Lt. John Wallach
Public Affairs Officer
(904) 270-5226

An information repository containing documents related to the environmental cleanup activities at Naval Station Mayport is also available to the public.

The information repository is located at:

Beaches Branch Public Library
600 Third Street, Neptune Beach
(904) 241-1141

For more specific technical questions relating to the Installation Restoration program or cleanup activities, contact:

Cheryl Mitchell
Environmental Engineer
(904) 270-6730

Our RAB will be taking some time off for the holidays, but we will be meeting again on January 18. As always, community participation is welcome!

RAB meetings are held in the Atlantic Beach Council Chamber, 800 Seminole Road, at 6:30 p.m.

Become involved in the environmental program at Naval Station Mayport; **attend an RAB meeting!** These meetings are held regularly and are open to the public. Notices of RAB meetings are published in the Shorelines edition of the *Florida Times-Union* and are mailed to our mailing list.

To get on our mailing list, please call Lt. John Wallach or Cheryl Mitchell.

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