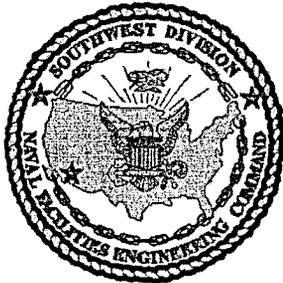


FACT SHEET

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Navy Environmental Restoration Program Update National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Crows Landing Flight Facility

[former Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, Crows Landing]

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to provide an update on planned activities at Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 11 - Disposal Pits - at NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility (the facility), formerly known as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF), Crows Landing in Stanislaus County, California. The Navy is in the process of preparing for the excavation and removal of buried waste from IRP Site 11.

Site History

IRP Site 11 is located near the central section of the facility and was reportedly used for disposal of waste during the period from the late 1960's through 1982. Refuse, kitchen wastes, scrap metal, and empty paint and pesticide containers were placed in pits at the site and burned. One pit was used to dispose of scrap metal from nearby practice bombing ranges in the hills located west of the facility. IRP Site 11 encompasses an area of approximately 10 acres, and a chain-link fence surrounds the site.

Visual inspections, exploratory trenching, soil sampling, soil gas sampling, and groundwater monitoring activities have been conducted at IRP Site 11. Magnetometer surveys have also been conducted to detect near surface metallic debris and ordnance items. Six (6) areas of buried waste were identified during the trenching and inspection activities, and it is estimated that approximately 14,000 tons of buried waste are present at the site. Much of the buried waste consists of construction debris. Several inert ordnance items were identified and removed from the site during previous surveying and trenching activities.

Proposed Cleanup

In June 2003, the Navy completed a draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). Draft project plans that describe the procedures for the excavation and removal of buried waste and ordnance debris from IRP Site 11 were completed in July 2003. The draft documents are being reviewed by the State of California regulatory oversight agencies - the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The final documents will be prepared following the incorporation of regulatory agency comments.

The EE/CA includes an evaluation of the cost of long-term monitoring and maintenance of the buried waste and the cost of removal of the waste. The Navy recommends removal of the buried waste at IRP Site 11. The planning documents for this removal action are available for public inspection at the Patterson Branch Library, 46 North Salado Avenue, Patterson, California.

An Action Memorandum and a public notice announcing the availability of the Administrative Record for the removal action will be issued following the completion of the final EE/CA.

Facility Background

The former NALF Crows Landing was commissioned in May 1943 and has served primarily as an auxiliary airfield for operations from Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

The Navy closed the facility in 1994 in accordance with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act, and it was transferred to NASA on July 1, 1994. In October 1999, NASA was authorized by legislation to transfer the facility to Stanislaus County. On April 10, 2001, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors adopted the Crows Landing Flight Facility Reuse Plan. Phase 1 of the Reuse Plan allows for continuation of ongoing environmental remediation, agricultural production, and planning. Phase 2 of the Reuse Plan adds general aviation uses. The Reuse Plan was approved following adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and is in full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Navy is responsible for the restoration of contaminated sites that were the result of historical Navy operations at the facility. The Navy is the lead agency for the environmental cleanup. The California Department of

Toxic Substances Control, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board provide regulatory oversight.

Opportunities for Community Involvement

The Navy will provide periodic updates to the community through these Fact Sheets. The Fact Sheets are available for viewing on the Navy's Environmental web site at the following address:

<http://www.efdswnavfac.navy.mil/Environmental/CrowsLanding.htm#facts>.

The most current project correspondence, plans, reports, and other documents are available for inspection by the public at the local information repository at the Patterson Branch Library. If you have comments or questions pertaining to the Navy's projects, please send them to Mr. Michael Bloom, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 06CM.MB, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190.

Environmental Restoration Program Mailing List Update Form

To better serve the community regarding the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program projects at the NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility, we are continuing to update our mailing list. If you would like to receive copies of fact sheets and proposed plans, please complete the form and return to the following address:

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Administrative Record documents are available at the Information Repository at the Stanislaus County Library, Patterson Branch, 46 North Salado Avenue, Patterson, California. The Information Repository also includes an index of all documents contained within the CERCLA Administrative Record. The Navy's CERCLA Administrative Record is maintained at Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Diego.

For assistance with the CERCLA Administrative Record or requests for copies of documents contained within the CERCLA Administrative Record, please contact the records manager, Ms. Diane Silva, at (619) 532-3676.

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