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**Subject:** DTSC Comments Pertaining to Crows Landing Fact Sheet

Hello Kris,

We prepared the attached responses to DTSC comments. We also made clarifications and refinements to the fact sheet text.

We plan to publish the fact sheet within the next few days, and we will be mailing a copy to your office. The fact sheet will be published in English and Spanish, and the date on the header will be changed to May 2004.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions pertaining to this message.

Thank you very much for reviewing and commenting on the fact sheet.



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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SPECIALIST

Subject: Fact Sheet, March 2004, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Crows Landing Flight Facility  
(former Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, Crows Landing)

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Comment	Response
Comments prepared by Kris B. Escarda, Department of Toxic Substances Control, External Affairs/Public Participation Specialist	
Page 1	
1. Should be changed to March (or April) 2004	The fact sheet will be dated consistent with the final distribution date.
2. Photo #2 caption should also say "inert" if this is the case for the practice rocket. (nice photos)	Neither of the items depicted in Photographs 1 or 2 have been certified by EOD personnel as being inert. References to "inert (or practice)" will not be included in the description of either photograph.
3. Fact Sheet needs to provide hours and address of Information Repository in Patterson (Community Involvement section).	The address for the Patterson Public Library will be added with telephone number to the last sentence of the Opportunities for Community Involvement section. Space limitations on the Fact Sheet do not allow for including hours of operation.
<p>4. There needs to be short, simple, large statements about munitions safety on the first page that would capture the reader that won't read the whole document:</p> <p>One way to do this would be to put the following between the Munitions Safety headline and the paragraph:</p> <p>"* DON'T GO NEAR suspected munitions or ordnance. * DON'T GO INTO AREAS known or suspected to contain ordnance. * DON'T TOUCH, MOVE, OR DISTURB suspected munitions or ordnance * DON'T TRY TO TAKE APPART any munitions or ordnance item."</p> <p>In addition, sentences in the paragraph could be shortened:</p> <p>"Though all of the munitions discovered thus far have been practice rounds, there may be other items. UXO, or potentially live munitions, could be present. If a munitions item is disturbed, an explosion may result. Training and practice munitions may contain some type of spotting charge that simulates an explosive impact. The spotting charge may contain a few grains to several pounds of explosives."</p>	<p>"* DO NOT TOUCH, MOVE, OR DISTURB SUSPECTED MUNITIONS OR ORDNANCE *" will be added between the munitions Safety headline and the paragraph text. The other statements will not be added due to limited space to maintain the Fact Sheet at 2 pages.</p> <p>The first sentence of the Munitions Safety section will be changed to "UXO, or potentially live munitions, could be present."</p>

<p>5. Consider shorter sentences, simpler language, and avoid passive voice:</p> <p>1st paragraph:  "Munitions, or Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), items have been discovered during the cleanup program (Installation Restoration Program) and other activities at the NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility (the Facility). This facility was formerly known as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF), Crows Landing, and is located in Stanislaus County, California."</p> <p>4th paragraph (move to 2nd)  "So far, the Navy has found and removed only inert projectiles and fragments of projectile fins. However, it is possible that other types of munitions, inert or live, may be present."</p> <p>2nd paragraph (move to 3rd)  "The Navy will be continue investigation and cleanup. This process will include acquiring and reviewing historical records, conducting visual inspections, exploratory trenching, magnetometer surveys, and removal of munitions items. A Magnetometer is and instrument that _____ . In addition, the Navy will update the community regarding the presence or potential presence of munitions at the Facility. Copies of plans and reports pertaining to munitions will be placed in the Information Repository, located at the Patterson Branch of the Stanislas Public Library."</p> <p>3rd paragraph (move to 4th)  " Surface and near surface metallic debris and munitions items were identified during previously completed inspections, surveys, and trenching activities. These items were found at or near the following locations: Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 11 (Disposal Pits) near the central section of the Facility, the former target berm, the live ammunition area, and the area adjacent to Little Salado Creek in the western section of the Facility. Examples of inert munitions items found at the Facility are shown in Photographs 1 and 2."</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> paragraph will be changed to:  "This Fact Sheet provides information regarding munitions, or unexploded ordnance (UXO) items, which have been discovered during the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and other activities at the NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility (the Facility). This facility is formerly known as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF), Crows Landing and is located in Stanislaus County, California."</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> paragraph will be moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> and changed to:  To date, the Navy has found and removed projectiles and fragments of projectile fins during environmental investigations. It is possible that other types of munitions, inert or live, may be present.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph will be moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> and changed to:  Surface and near surface metallic debris and munitions items have been identified during previously completed inspections, surveys, and trenching activated. These items were found at or near IRP Site 11 (Disposal Pits) near the central section of the Facility, IRP Site 18 North (Former Target Berm), IRP Site 18 South (Live Ammunition Area), and the area adjacent to Little Salado Creek in the western section of the Facility. Examples of munitions items that have been found at the Facility are shown in Photographs 1 and 2.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph will be moved to 4<sup>th</sup> and changed to:  The Navy will continue acquiring and reviewing historical records, conducting visual inspections, exploratory trenching, conducting geophysical surveys, and removing munitions items. The Navy will update the community regarding the presence or potential presence of munitions at the Facility. Copies of plans and reports pertaining to munitions will be placed in the local information repository located at the Patterson Branch of the Stanislaus Public Library.</p>
<p>Can the plans and records be placed on the website? If so, the Fact Sheet should state this.</p>	<p>Plans and records are not routinely placed on the web page. Fact Sheets and Public Notices are included on the website.</p>

Munitions/UXO Safety Section	
<p>The box makes this section stand out, which is good.</p> <p>Consider rearranging items so that the simplest ones are first: 1st Never approach . . . 2nd Never attempt to disturb . . . Switch the longer 1st item for these two.</p> <p>Alternatively change the order of the 1st two sentences so that "Do not touch . . " is first.</p>	<p>The bulleted items in the Munitions/UXO Safety Precautions box will be rearranged to emphasize the simplest items will maintaining the space requirements of the box.</p>
Historical Background Section	
<p>1. "legislative act of the 106th congress" needs to be named: "XXXXXX Act"</p>	<p>The sentence will be changed to read: "In October 1999, NASA was authorized by legislative act of the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America (Public Law 106-82) to transfer the facility to Stanislaus County."</p>
<p>2. 2nd paragraph: installation restoration program needs to be capitalized. Better: change "installation restoration program" to "cleanup program" or "base cleanup program."</p>	<p>Installation Restoration Program will be capitalized in the text.</p>
<p>3. Isn't the US EPA involved in this? Since it's a CERCLA site aren't they the lead regulatory agency?</p>	<p>The USEPA is not involved in this project. The Navy is the lead agency. California Department of Toxic Substances Control is providing oversight for the IRP at the former NALF Crows Landing. The IRP includes munitions response</p>
Community Involvement Opportunities Section	
<p>1. Change " through Fact Sheets . . ." to "through Fact Sheets and Public Notices. These documents are available . . ."</p>	<p>The text will be changed to "...through Fact Sheets and Public Notices. These documents are available . . ."</p>
<p>2. See #3 on page 1; provide address and hours of info. repository.</p>	<p>The address for the Patterson Public Library will be added with telephone number to the last sentence of the Opportunities for Community Involvement section. Space limitations on the Fact Sheet do not allow for including hours of operation.</p>

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