

Moffett Federal Airfield

The Public is Invited to Review and Comment on the Revised Proposed Plan for Site 25, the Eastern Diked Marsh and Stormwater Retention Basin

The U.S. Department of the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board invite the public to review and comment on the Revised Proposed Plan for the Eastern Diked Marsh and stormwater retention basin (Site 25) at Moffett Federal Airfield. This Revised Proposed Plan replaces a previous version that was presented to the public for review and comment July through August 2001. The revision was necessary because the Navy learned that a portion of the stormwater retention basin, believed to be under NASA's jurisdiction, is owned by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. This Revised Proposed Plan addresses only the Eastern Diked Marsh and the NASA-owned portion of the stormwater retention basin. A decision will be made on the alternative to be chosen as the remedial action (cleanup) after careful review and consideration of public input.

Public Comment Period – The 30-day public comment period for the Revised Proposed Plan for Site 25 is **May 2 to June 3, 2002**. Comments may be mailed to Mr. Lawrence Lansdale, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, Southwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, Code 06CH.LL, San Diego, CA 92132-5190, faxed to (619) 532-0995, or e-mailed to lansdalell@efdswnavfac.navy.mil. He may also be reached by calling (619) 532-0961.

Public Meeting – A public meeting will be held to review the Revised Proposed Plan and the preferred alternative and to solicit public comments. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the meeting. The meeting will be held on **May 16, 2002**, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Mountain View City Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041.

Site 25 receives runoff from approximately 1 square mile of predominantly paved industrial area. Contamination of the site occurred prior to 1991, when mechanisms were put in place to prevent chemicals from entering the site. Investigations suggest that chemicals in sediments at Site 25 may pose a risk to human health and to ecological receptors. Since cleanup requirements for ecological receptors are also protective of human health, the primary remedial objective is to limit the exposure of site-specific ecological receptors to chemicals of concern (consisting of lead, zinc, polychlorinated biphenyls, and total DDT) in the sediment. The Revised Proposed Plan presents the alternatives evaluated for their effectiveness in meeting the primary objective.

The Revised Proposed Plan was developed pursuant with the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, also known as the "Superfund" program. Three remedial alternatives were evaluated: (1) No Action; (2) Excavation and Off-Site Disposal; and (3) Excavation, Ex-Situ Bioremediation, and On-Site Reuse or Off-Site Disposal.

The preferred alternative, which has received regulatory agency concurrence, is Alternative 2, Excavation and Off-Site Disposal. This consists of removing the top 1 foot of sediment in areas of concern, off-site disposal of sediment and confirmation sampling. Alternative 2 also includes re-establishing habitat in the excavated areas and imposing institutional controls to ensure seasonal drying and maintenance of the existing sediment settling basin for the continued effectiveness of the remedy. The institutional controls do not prohibit or prevent future changes in land use; they are used to ensure that additional evaluation occurs if land use changes are proposed. The preferred alternative can change in response to public comments or new information.

To review more documents about Site 25 or other project reports, you may visit the information repository at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6877. You may also request to review documents in the Moffett Federal Airfield Administrative Record file maintained at Southwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190. Please contact Mr. Lansdale for more information.

Public comments play an important role in the outcome of environmental cleanup projects. You are encouraged to attend the public meeting and voice your opinion about the analysis of alternatives presented in the Revised Proposed Plan for Site 25, or to submit your comments by phone, fax, email, or letter as described above.

THE NAVY ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION!