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**NAVAL FUEL DEPOT POINT MOLATE  
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL FACT SHEET AND  
FINAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document provides responses to comments from the U.S. Navy, regulatory agencies, and the City of Richmond on the draft environmental fact sheet dated December 1995 and prepared by PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC) for Naval Fuel Depot (NFD) Point Molate in Richmond, California. Comments were received from Dick Hegarty, Public Affairs Officer (PAO) for Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland (FISCO); Susan Jun, public participation specialist, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC); and Patricia Jones, Office of the City Manager, Richmond, California. Ms. Jones also provided comments on the Final NFD Point Molate Community Relations Plan dated July 28, 1995.

## 2.0 RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The sections below provide specific responses to comments PRC received. For ease of reference, the comments are reprinted, except where they concerned only editorial issues. PRC's response follows each comment.

### 2.1 DICK HEGARTY, PAO/FISCO

Mr. Hegarty provided comments on December 1, 1995.

*Comment 1. The first sentence should be revised as follows: "The U.S. Navy is conducting environmental investigations and accelerated cleanups at Naval Fuel Depot (NFD) Point Molate."*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 2. NFD Point Molate covers approximately 400 acres, not 300 acres.*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 3: The third paragraph on the first page should be revised to state: "This fact sheet describes ongoing environmental activities and community involvement at NFD Point Molate."*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 4: The second paragraph under the Site History heading should be revised as follows:  
"The Navy conducted a preliminary site assessment (PSA) in 1987 to identify areas likely to be of concern."*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 5: Add a Community Relations Plan heading and a page location to the index on page 1.*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 6: Delete the following text in the second paragraph of the section on Environmental Concerns at NFD Point Molate. "In 1978, the Navy discovered seeping diesel fuel in the Waste Disposal Area that was thought to be associated with tank 14 pipes. Jet fuel was also found in the Waste Disposal Area in 1980; it was associated with valve box 9 near tank 14. Fuel releases have also occurred at tanks 19 and 20."*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 7: Reformat Table 1 on page 2 to include a "Concern" column and add text as indicated.*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 8: On page 3, top right column, change Public Relations Office at the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center in Oakland to Public Affairs Office.*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 9: On Page 3 under the "Community Involvement is Integral..." box, add a separate heading for "Community Relations Plan." Also in this section, a second sentence should be added to the first paragraph: "Numerous interviews were conducted with community leaders."*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 10: On Page 4, the last sentence of text should be deleted. The following text should be inserted before the new last sentence. "The Community Relations Plan outlines public involvement opportunities. Public comment periods and public meetings will be held when appropriate. Public involvement opportunities and meetings will appear in local newspapers and upcoming fact sheets."*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 11: Add the following phone number for Ms. Jo Avalos: (510) 302-4794*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

## 2.2 SUSAN JUN, DTSC

Ms. Jun provided comments on December 8, 1995.

*Comment 1: In the first column on the first page, make the third paragraph the first paragraph.*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 2: Add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph, second column, on the first page. "The U.S. Navy plans to clean NFD Point Molate and prepare it for reuse by the year 2002."*

Response: The Navy has not yet prepared a time table for complimenting environmental restoration of NFD Point Molate. Adding this text may not be accurate.

*Comment 3: Add a time table for proposed actions and a description of remedial alternatives.*

Response: Schedules for proposed actions depend availability of funding, and, therefore, the Navy has not prepared a final time table for environmental restoration of NFD Point Molate. Remedial alternatives will be described in subsequent fact sheets as appropriate.

*Comment 4: Change the phone number to Richmond City Hall to (510) 620-6952.*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

*Comment 5: The EFA WEST Technical Contact listed on page four should be changed to Stephen Chou and his phone number should be included.*

Response: The EFA WEST Technical Contact is [REDACTED]. His name and phone number have been added to the fact sheet and CRP.

### **2.3 MS. PATRICIA JONES, CITY OF RICHMOND**

Comments were received from Ms. Patricia Jones, City of Richmond, on December 11, 1995. Ms. Jones provided comments on the fact sheet and the CRP.

#### **Environmental Fact Sheet**

*Comment 1: In the first column, first paragraph of page 1, is this the correct figure, "NFD Point Molate covers approximately 300 acres?" The figure we've been given is 420 acres.*

Response: This sentence has been corrected to state that NFD Point Molate covers approximately 400 acres.

*Comment 2: In the second paragraph in this column, the location of NFD Point Molate should reference the "Pt. Richmond neighborhood of the city of Richmond."*

Response: The reference accurately locates NFD Point Molate from the city limits. Pt. Richmond residents and community leaders were included in the development of the community relations plan and will be invited to join the Restoration Advisory Board, as will other residents and leaders of the city.

*Comment 3: Under Site History, a sentence should be added to the first paragraph stating, "The base ceased operation as a fuel depot in September 1995."*

Response: The text was changed as directed.

**Comment 4:** *Under Community Involvement at NFD Point Molate, the text should be changed to state "the city's Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Environmental Subcommittee will constitute the RAB."*

**Response:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Defense forbid the Navy from dictating membership on the RAB. RAB membership must be made available to any interested person.

#### **CRP**

**Comment 1:** *Page 3, Fifth Sentence. The text should be changed to read as follows, "Navy efforts to use NFD Point Molate to improve the overall economic climate may be the most important part of this community relations effort because the City of Richmond's population includes a disproportionate percentage of households with median income below the county norm. Not unlike many urban communities, Richmond suffers from a high crime rate and is working to upgrade its public school system..."*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

**Comment 2:** *Page 3, Fifth Sentence. The Greater Richmond Interface Program should be changed to the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program.*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

**Comment 3:** *Page 27, Third Paragraph. The text should state that the RAB will include members of the Blue Ribbon Committee's Environmental Subcommittee.*

**Response:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Defense forbid the Navy from dictating membership on the RAB. RAB membership must be made available to any interested person.

**Comment 4:** *Page 30, First Paragraph. The Greater Richmond Interface Program should be changed to the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program.*

**Response:** The text was changed as directed.

**Comment 5:** *Page 30, First Paragraph. The Private Industry Council operates the Richmond Works Program.*

**Response:** The text was changed accordingly.