

Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Monthly Status Report-April, 2003

Former Navy Property, Western Vieques, Puerto Rico

This report provides the Technical Review Committee (TRC) with a status of ongoing work at the Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (SWMUs and AOCs) on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD) property in western Vieques. The following is a summary of the activities completed during April and early May 2003 and the anticipated activities during the next few months:

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

SWMU 4

Work continued on investigating an additional 27 acres. Tasks included brush cutting, grubbing, surveying, geophysical mapping, and anomaly investigation. Field work is planned to continue through June 30th. Contractors on site include CH2M HILL, USA Environmental, NAEVA Geophysics, and Timberline Environmental.

Draft Final No Further Action (NFA) Report for Nine Sites

The NFA report is being revised according to the regulatory comments and responses on the draft report. It is set to be sent out for TRC review at the end of May (30th).

Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan for SWMU 6, SWMU 7, AOC H, and AOC J

Regulatory comments on the work plan were received from EPA and EQB on April 18th and April 21st, respectively. Work was initiated on responding to the comments. The final Work Plan will be provided to the TRC by June 14th.

Public Information

A fact sheet to provide the general public with updates on environmental restoration activities at NASD has been put on hold due to activities on Eastern Vieques and is planned for the summer.

To prepare for the transfer of eastern Vieques to the U.S. Department of Interior on May 1, 2003, a public safety notice about munitions and explosives of concern was published in newspapers: El Vocero (Spanish), San Juan Star (English/Spanish), and El Nuevo Dia (Spanish) and distributed to the mailing list and through DOI.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

TRC Meeting

- The spring TRC meeting was re-scheduled from mid-May to June 1, 2003.

Field Work

- Field work for the RI for SWMUs 6, 7 and AOCs H, J is planned to begin July 7th.
- A work plan will be prepared for the RI/FS work at SWMU 4, with the intent of conducting field work for the environmental RI for SWMU 4 in late summer 2003.

Reports

- Will provide the Draft Final NFA report to TRC by May 30th for their review. The report will be discussed at a TRC meeting later in the summer (tentative date not yet identified).