

EPA Activities

AFWTA-Vieques Superfund Site

Document Review

- **Environmental Restoration Program:**
 - Draft Work Plan Removal Actions SWMU 6, SWMU 7, AOC J, and AOC R
 - Final East Vieques Background Soil Inorganics Investigation Report
 - Final RI AOC H Report
 - Draft Proposed Plan for AOC H

Document Review (Cont.)

- **Munitions Response Program:**
 - Draft Final EE/CA Non-Time Critical Removal Action of Munitions from Beaches and Roads at SWMU 4, Former NASD and Former VNTR
 - Draft Geophysical Prove Out (GPO) Report
 - GPO Technical Memorandum
 - Roads Strip Validation Technical Memorandum

Federal Facility Agreement

- FFA provides a framework for the cleanup work on the site under CERCLA
- Signed on September 7, 2007
- 45 days Public Comment Period: Sep 27 - Nov 13
- FFA presentation will follow

Web Page

- <http://www.epa.gov/region02/vieques>
- Updated: Once a month or when needed
- Up-to-date information of documents under public review



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Vieques Island/Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area

EPA added portions of Vieques Island, Puerto Rico to the Superfund National Priorities List on February 11, 2005 because of contamination on the island. During the 1940s, the U.S. Navy acquired about 25,000 acres on the eastern and western ends of Vieques, Puerto Rico, an island located about seven miles southeast of mainland Puerto Rico. Vieques was used for naval gunfire support and air-to-ground training from the 1940s until May 1, 2003, when the Navy ceased all military operations on the island and transferred its property on the eastern side of the island to the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) Fish and Wildlife Service. The land was designated as a wildlife refuge. About 8,100 acres of land on the western side of the island, which had been used for the munitions storage, was transferred to DOI, the municipality of Vieques and the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust on May 1, 2001.

Various areas of the island may be contaminated by solid and/or hazardous waste resulting from decades of military activity including training exercises, equipment maintenance, supply storage and waste disposal. Working with EPA and the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB), the Navy is conducting environmental investigations of its previously-owned property under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to determine what cleanup actions are needed. Prior to the inclusion of the site in the NPL, the environmental investigations were being performed under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

What's New?

Federal Facility Agreement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Navy, the Department of the Interior (including Fish and Wildlife Services) and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico signed on September 7, 2007 a [Federal Facilities Agreement \(FFA\)](#) for the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area - Vieques Superfund Site. The FFA provides a framework and for the cleanup work on the site under CERCLA.

Interested individuals may submit comments on the FFA for a period of 45 calendar days from September 27, 2007. EPA will evaluate the comments received and either incorporate them or provide a response. Comments should be submitted in writing or via e-mail **not later than November 13, 2007**, to the following address:

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FFA

- [FFA \[PDF 215 KB, 72 pp\]](#)
- [Appendices \[PDF 144 KB, 16 pp\]](#)
- [Draft Site Management Plan \[PDF 1.9 MB, 53 pp\]](#)
- [Public Notice : \[English \\[PDF 23 KB, 3 pp\\]\]\(#\) | \[En Español \\[PDF 27 KB, 3 pp\\]\]\(#\)](#)
- [Press Release](#)

EE/CA

- [EECA Draft Final Report \[PDF 8 MB, 80 pp\]](#)
- [Public Notice: \[English \\[PDF 24 KB, 1 pp\\]\]\(#\) | \[En Español \\[PDF 40 KB, 1 pp\\]\]\(#\)](#)

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Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis

The Department of the Navy (Navy) released the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report for the subsurface removal of munitions along select roadways and beaches at the former Navy property in the eastern and western portion of Vieques, Puerto Rico, for public review and comment. The Navy is proposing to remove munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), which may include unexploded ordnance (UXO), from the surface and subsurface of select roadways and beaches to support planned future land use. The goal of the EE/CA is to identify the objectives of the removal action and to analyze the effectiveness, feasibility, and cost of various alternatives that may satisfy these objectives. The EE/CA presents the proposed alternative.

The public comment period will be open from October 3, 2007 through November 5, 2007. During this time, the public is invited to provide written comments on the EE/CA to the following address:

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Meetings

- July 31- Aug 1: Research Needs for Improving Detection and Remediation of Underwater Unexploded Ordnance
- Aug 20: Munitions Response Program Meeting – GPO and Tech Memos
- Aug 27-30: UXO/Countermine/Range Forum
- Oct 16-19: MRP/CTC/ERP Meeting

Oversight

- Demo Event November 1, 2007
 - 4 Open Detonations
 - 543 lbs
 - 196 lbs
 - 300 lbs
 - 206 lbs





Questions?

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