



FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Proposed Plan

Moving Target Mortar Range - South (UXO 07)

Dam Neck Annex, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach ,VA

The Department of the Navy (Navy), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has issued a Proposed Plan for the Moving Target Mortar Range South (MTMR-S) at Dam Neck Annex in Virginia Beach, VA. The site was affected by previous activities conducted at the MTMR-S (UXO 07) site. Dam Neck Annex is under the command of Naval Air Station Oceana. Both agencies agree on the proposed treatment alternative for the site in the Proposed Plan.

Environmental History: The MTMR-S was used in the 1940s and 1950s and consisted of a moving target machine gun range and then a moving target mortar range. The firing direction for both ranges was east toward the Atlantic Ocean.

The Proposed Plan focuses on potential contamination at the site based on its historical use as a mortar range. Site investigations have identified potential munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and material potentially presenting an explosive hazard (MPPEH) on the surface and in the subsurface soil. MEC and MPPEH items used at the mortar range were recovered from the surface soil and subsurface soil within a total area of approximately 12.25 acres across several separate areas including the Firing Line, Uplands, Grassy Dunes and Beach. The MEC/MPPEH poses a potentially unacceptable human health risk for people who might come in contact with these items.

Preferred Alternative for Remediation: Based on the results of the investigations, the Navy analyzed several options to reduce the potential for human health risk from exposure to explosive hazards posed by potential MEC and unauthorized access to the site. The Proposed Plan describes six alternatives (including the required baseline no-action alternative), which were evaluated against seven established criteria.

The Navy proposes Alternative 5: Surface and Subsurface MEC/MPPEH Removal in the Firing Line, Uplands, Grassy Dunes and Beach, and Land Use Controls. This alternative was selected because it would achieve the cleanup goals and provided the best balance of meeting the seven evaluation criteria.

Public Comment: Public participation is an important part of the remedy selection process, and the Navy's preferred alternative may be modified based on new information and/or public comments. The Navy will finalize its plan, with VDEQ concurrence, after considering all comments received during the public comment period (March 8 to April 7, 2023).

The Proposed Plan and related site documents are available on the Navy's environmental website at <https://go.usa.gov/xSvtW>. An online presentation about the site and the proposed alternative is also available for viewing at your convenience during the public comment period.

A hard copy of the Proposed Plan is also available for review at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library at 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Website for documents and presentation: <https://go.usa.gov/xSvtW>

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