



NAVY MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FORMER MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) prepared this monthly progress report (MPR) to discuss environmental cleanup at the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (Mare Island) in Vallejo, California. This MPR does not typically discuss cleanup work performed by the City of Vallejo and its developers, Lennar Mare Island (Lennar) and Weston Solutions (Weston), through the Navy's Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements. The work completed under those agreements is reported separately by each respective party. This MPR discusses progress made during the reporting period from December 1, 2006 through January 25, 2007. The information provided below includes updates to field work and removal actions; document submittals; and the progress of regulatory reviews, issues associated with Navy environmental programs, and Remedial Project Manager (RPM) and Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings.



Fieldwork Investigation Areas

The Navy conducted a pilot study from January 15 through 19, 2007 to determine the effectiveness of rapid sediment characterization tools at Investigative Area F1. The rapid sediment characterization tools may be used to analyze sediments for metals and polychlorinated biphenyls at Mare Island. The data will be used to evaluate the future use of rapid sediment characterization tools in the upcoming sediment study. Additional sediment samples were taken to confirm the presence of Asian clams and bottom-dwelling fish for future tissue collection activities at Mare Island.

Navy consultant testing out rapid sediment characterization tools to measure metals at a stormwater outfall at AI F1



The Navy completed the soil excavation at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) fenced scrapyards area. Work envisioned for the next month at the DRMO fenced scrapyards area includes backfilling the excavation areas as well as stabilizing the perimeter of the site. The Navy will issue a field work summary report once the work is complete.

2.0 FIELDWORK AND REMOVAL ACTIONS

Mare Island RAB members showed their dedication by attending a RAB tour on Saturday, December 2, 2006. RAB members along with Navy and cleanup managers from Weston and Lennar participated in the tour. The group took a bus to seven sites at the base. RAB members got an up close look at recent and ongoing investigations, and spoke with contractors conducting the work at the sites. The Navy would like to thank all of those who participated in the tour.



December 2006
RAB Site Tour Stop at
Western Magazine Area



DRMO Site looking towards the north intersection of
Azuar Drive and Dump Road

3.0 DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS AND PROGRESS OF REGULATORY REVIEW

The Navy submitted two documents during the December 1, 2006 through January 25, 2007 reporting period:

- “Draft Final Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST)” for Parcel XIII, the Elementary School Site
- “Draft Final FOST” for Parcel XV-B(2), the Northern Sliver Site

The Navy received regulatory agency comments on seven different documents during the December 1, 2006 through January 25, 2007 reporting period.

The Navy received agency comments from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on the following documents:

- “Draft Final Time-Critical Removal Action Completion Report” for the Marine Corps Firing Range and Historical 4S Outfall
- “Draft Final 2007 Site Management Plan”

The Navy received agency comments from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) on the following documents:

- Closure Letter for Underground Storage Tank (UST) A-292 in Investigation Area G
- “Removal Summary Report” for UST A-296, dated May 8, 1998
- “Draft Final FOST” for Parcel XIII, the Elementary School Site
- “Draft Final FOST” for Transfer Parcel XV-B, the Northern Sliver Site
- “Draft Remedial Action Plan and Record of Decision” for Installation Restoration Site 17

RPM meetings are held regularly with the Navy, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), DTSC, and the Water Board to discuss environmental cleanup progress at Mare Island. The RPMs met on January 17, 2007.

Year-To-Date Progress

The documents presented in the table below include only documents that address sites where the Navy remains responsible for the completion of cleanup work.

Number of Documents Submitted by the Navy in 2006	19
Number of DTSC Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	22
Number of EPA Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	8
Number of Water Board Comments Received by the Navy in 2006	9

4.0 POTENTIAL EARLY TRANSFER PARCELS Early Transfer of Property at Mare Island

North end of the island (Parcels II and XV-B(1)), DRMO Area (Parcel XVII), Marine Corps Firing Range Site (Parcel XIX and portion of I), Reuse Area 10 (Parcels V and VI), and Remainder of Regional Park (Parcels VII-B and X-B).

The City of Vallejo is considering an alternative development proposal for the north end of the island involving Touro University. Continuation of discussions with the City of Vallejo and developers on early transfer issues is expected to be contingent on the outcome of these discussions affecting the north end of the island. Ultimately, should early transfer proceed, the Navy expects to issue a Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer to describe the proposed early transfer project after the necessary agreements have been executed to allow the early transfer to proceed. The Navy’s goal is to include all remaining properties scheduled for transfer to the City of Vallejo in one early transfer. The early transfer is envisioned to encompass all of the remaining Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) property and now involves both Lennar and Touro University.



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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



The RAB meets the last Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted. RAB meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are held at:

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