

FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program: Site 2 – Salvage Yard Area

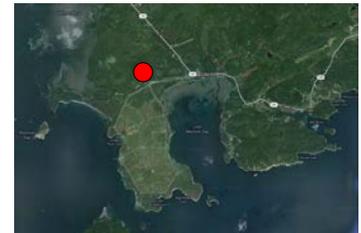


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Where is Installation Restoration (IR) Site 2?

The former Salvage Yard Area (Site 2) is located at the Very Low Frequency (VLF) Area. The VLF Area is situated on a 2,860-acre peninsula located on the coast of Maine near the town of Cutler. Site 2 is a grass and gravel-covered area approximately 7.01 acres in size. A soil embankment and wetlands area border the site to the north. Thick vegetation including trees and shrubs border the site to the east, west, and south.



What is the history of the site?

Site 2 was historically used as a temporary repository and storage location for materials and wastes awaiting off-site transport. Materials stored at Site 2 included scrap metal, batteries, and other recyclable materials. Wastes stored at Site 2 included lube oil, mercury, electronic equipment, batteries, asbestos, Cadweld powder (used for welding), and 55-gallon drums of solvents. Buried asbestos transite panels, empty drums, storage containers, steel cable, an office trailer, and office furniture were identified at the site. Petroleum hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals, and chlorinated solvents were detected in the soil and groundwater samples collected from Site 2.

What work has been done at the site to date?

Environmental investigations and removal actions were performed between 1991 and 2015. Monitoring wells, geophysical surveys, and test pit excavations were used to investigate groundwater and to remove soil, buried metal, and the remnants of a buried office trailer. Chlorinated solvents in groundwater appear stationary and show stable to decreasing trends. The Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Proposed Plan were finalized in May 2017, April 2018, and August 2018, respectively. A public meeting was held in Sept 2018 to present the selected remedy (soil excavation and groundwater treatment). The Remedial Design and Record of Decision were completed in Sept and Nov 2019, respectively.

What work is planned for Site 2 in the future?

The Record of Decision documents the selected remedy: soil excavation and off-site disposal, in-situ treatment of TCE in groundwater with monitored natural attenuation, and land use controls. The final soil and groundwater remedial actions are planned for 2020-2021.

Where can I go for more information?

- Compliance with Environmental Laws and Regulations: Contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection at (207) 287-7688.
- NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia General Questions: Contact the Public Affairs Officer at (757) 341-1410.