

FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program: Site 3 - Construction Debris Area

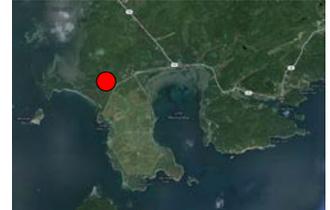


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Where is Installation Restoration (IR) Site 3?

The Construction Debris Area (Site 3) 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 3 is a cleared and undeveloped area approximately two acres in size. This cleared area is bordered by woods to the south, east, and west and by a gravel road to the north. Bedrock outcrops are present on the southern portion of the site.



What is the history of the site?

Site 3 was used as a storage area for metal debris and other discarded materials. While the operational history is unknown, the Construction Debris Area is presumed to have been used from the early 1960s to before 1998, when the area was first identified as an environmental site. The initial Site Investigation (SI) was conducted in 1998. The investigation found rusted drums, scattered metal debris, and two buried polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) capacitors. The capacitors were removed and several soil excavation and disposal actions were performed. In 2005, a human health risk screening evaluation was completed. The remnant contaminated areas were excavated in September 2010. Post excavation sampling determined that the site conditions after cleanup were protective of human health and the environment.

What work has been done at the site to date?

Between 1998 and 2011, the Construction Debris Area was investigated, remediated, and closed to allow for unrestricted use. A number of response actions have been completed in order to address the residual contamination including test pitting, soil excavation and off-site disposal, confirmation sampling, and the completion of a No Further Action Decision Document for Site 3 in 2011.

What work is planned for Site 3 in the future?

Site 3 was the first Cutler Installation Restoration (IR) site to be fully restored and closed through the Environmental Restoration Program. The No Further Action Decision Document provides an overview of all completed remedial actions, and provides the rationale for why no further action was warranted (i.e., the response actions taken have been documented to be protective of human health and the environment).

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.