

# FACT SHEET

## Environmental Restoration Program: Site 6 – Old FTA Access Road



Naval Support Activity (NSA) Cutler  
Cutler, Maine



### Where is Installation Restoration (IR) Site 6?

The Old Fire Training Area (FTA) Access Road (Site 6) 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 6 is a remote wooded area located to the south of this gravel-covered road that was historically used to access the former Fire Training Area. This access road has been overgrown by thick vegetation and no longer provides vehicle access to the former Fire Training Area.



### What is the history of the site?

In 2006, one abandoned 55-gallon drum was discovered by Cutler personnel in the woods located approximately 100 feet south from a hilltop clearing at the end of the old access road to the former FTA. The closed-top drum was found empty and on its side. The drum had a slight petroleum odor and stained soil was observed on the ground surface beneath the drum. A hole in the drum had allowed rainwater to accumulate inside. The drum contents were sampled prior to disposal. The drum contents were characterized as non-hazardous and the drum was placed in an over-pack container and removed from the site.

### What work has been done at the site to date?

In 2007, the Navy conducted a soil and groundwater investigation to determine whether the drum's contents resulted in contamination. Soil and groundwater samples were collected at the drum location. Laboratory testing detected petroleum and metals in the soil and groundwater. In 2009, additional samples were analyzed with contaminant levels found to be below screening and background levels. As a result of documenting the findings of several investigations and removing the drum, Site 6 was closed in August 2016.

### What work is planned for Site 6 in the future?

No future environmental restoration work is planned for Site 6. Appropriate response actions have been taken to investigate and clean up the site. No further action has 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.