

FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program: Site 8 – Maintenance Building & Shed



Naval Support Activity (NSA) Cutler
Cutler, Maine



Where is Installation Restoration (IR) Site 8?

The Maintenance Building and Shed (Site 8) 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 8 includes several buildings, a sanitary leach field, and a ravine approximately 3.3 acres in size. The maintenance building (Building 132, also known as the “Boathouse”) is currently used for the storage of construction materials and tools necessary for facility maintenance.



What is the history of the site?

Site 8 was identified in the 2007 Preliminary Site Assessment Report as Area of Concern (AOC) 9. Initially, there was suspicion that buried drums were located in a ravine behind the Maintenance Building and Shed area. It was also thought that solvents, pesticides, and herbicides were released into the environment through an on-site underground septic system and leach field that serves the Maintenance Building. In addition, historical records from 1992 indicated that approximately 400 gallons of fuel oil were spilled onto the ground during a tank removal project and that the spill was cleaned up. Based on the detection of contamination above screening criteria during the initial investigations, AOC 9 was elevated to Site 8 in 2010. However, due to the relatively low levels of contamination, the performance of two removal actions, and completion of geophysical surveys, Site 8 was recommended for no further action.

What work has been done at the site to date?

In 2007, soil, groundwater, and geophysical investigations were performed to evaluate the presence and nature of contamination in order to determine whether historical activities resulted in contaminant levels that might present a risk to human health or the environment. In 2009 and 2011, field investigations, test pitting, and two removal actions were performed at the ravine and at the septic field. Empty drums, empty containers, and other metal debris were found in the ravine. As a result of documenting the findings of several investigations and removal actions, Site 8 was closed in August 2016.

What work is planned for Site 8 in the future?

No future environmental restoration work is planned for Site 8. 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.