



Vieques RAB Meeting

Vieques, Puerto Rico
August 11, 2005

Projected Schedules

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Western Vieques



Areas Of Concern (AOCs) E and I



- ❖ Initial field activities have been conducted
- ❖ Technical approach to follow-up fieldwork concurred upon by regulatory agencies and Navy in 2005
- ❖ Regulatory approval of work plan addendum anticipated by week of August 15
- ❖ Draft Final work plan addendum anticipated to be available to RAB by late August or early September
- ❖ Field mobilization in September or October (weather dependant)



AOC R



- ❖ Initial vegetation clearance conducted in late 2004 identified several munitions
- ❖ Work Plan revised to include munitions clearance
- ❖ Technical approach to fieldwork to be concurred upon by regulatory agencies and Navy during week of August 15
- ❖ Regulatory approval of work plan addendum anticipated by week of August 22
- ❖ Draft Final work plan addendum anticipated to be available to RAB by mid-September
- ❖ Field mobilization in October or November (weather dependant)
- ❖ AOC R included in Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) due to presence of debris (likely later date than AOC J, SWMUs 6 and 7)



AOC J, SWMUs 6 and 7



- ❖ Submit Draft EE/CA to regulators for debris removal during week of August 8
- ❖ Regulatory comments anticipated by mid-September
- ❖ Draft Final EE/CA anticipated to be available to RAB in October
- ❖ Public comment period anticipated for October-November
- ❖ Removal action anticipated for December



SWMU 4



- Anticipate awarding contract for munitions removal action in September
- Scope includes removal of munitions on beaches to 4 feet and inland to 2 feet
- Initial munitions removal expected to cover approximately 20 to 50 acres (minimum 8 acres beach, 12 acres inland)
- Munitions removal anticipated for early 2006
- Aligns with DOI-FWS goals established in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP)
- Munitions removal for additional acreage anticipated for later in 2006

Eastern Vieques



Background Soil



- Public comment period on Draft Final Work Plan: April 15 – June 15, 2005
- Response to public comments anticipated by September
- Mobilization for sampling anticipated for October or November (weather dependant)



8 PI/PAOC Sites



- ❖ Draft work plan for sampling submitted to regulatory agencies in November 2004
- ❖ Technical approach to fieldwork concurred upon by regulatory agencies and Navy in June 2005
- ❖ Regulatory approval of work plan addendum anticipated by week of August 22
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Funding For Fiscal Year 2006



- ❖ Over \$25 million earmarked for Vieques
 - Includes West and East
 - Stakeholders need to work together
 - Work must progress timely to ensure future funding
 - Funds not promptly committed will be redirected to other Navy environmental cleanup programs in other communities