

Naval Facilities Engineering Command – Atlantic

RAB Status Report: January, 2006

Former Navy Property, Vieques, Puerto Rico

This report provides the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) with a status of on-going work at the Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (SWMUs and AOCs) on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD) property in western Vieques and an overview of activities on eastern Vieques. The following is a summary of the activities completed through January 2006, and the activities planned for completion for the next few months.

CURRENT AND COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

WEST VIEQUES

- **AOC E (Former Waste Oil Tank)**
The field work, comprising soil and groundwater sampling, began in November 2005 and was completed in December 2005. It is anticipated that the analytical data will be received from the laboratory in early 2006.
- **AOC H (Abandoned Power Plant)**
Regulatory comments on the draft RI report submitted for review in April 2004 were received in October 2005. Comment responses were prepared and submitted to the agencies for consideration in January 2006.
- **AOC I (Former Asphalt Mixing Plant)**
The field work, comprising monitoring well installation and sampling, began in late November 2005 and completed in January 2006.
- **AOC J (Former Operations/Staging Area Disposal Site)**
The Draft Final EE/CA for AOC J, AOC R, SWMU 6, and SWMU 7 was submitted in December 2005. The public comment period on the EE/CA was scheduled from about mid-December 2005 to mid-January 2006, but a request from a RAB member extended the public comment period for an additional 2 weeks. A draft removal action work plan was submitted to the regulatory agencies in November 2005. The removal action is anticipated to take place within the first half of 2006, pending public comments on the EE/CA and regulatory comments on the removal action work plan.

Regulatory comments on the draft RI report submitted for review in April 2004 were received in January 2006. Comment responses will be prepared, taking into

consideration the removal action to be conducted at the site, and submitted to the agencies for consideration in March 2006.

- **AOC R (Former Staging and Operations Area)**
The field work, comprising monitoring well installation and surface water, sediment, soil, and groundwater sampling, began in December 2005 and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2006. Some of the sampling at AOC R is being coordinated with removal of the munitions-related items, which is anticipated to take place in the first half of 2006.
See the discussion above under AOC J regarding the EE/CA and removal action work plan for this site.
- **SWMU 4 (Former OB/OD Unit)**
Regulatory comments on the draft RI work plan submitted for review in June 2004 were received in January 2006. Comment responses will be prepared and submitted to the agencies for consideration in March 2006.
- **SWMU 6 (Mangrove Disposal Site at Kiani Lagoon)**
The draft RI report submitted for regulatory review in April 2004 is still under review. See the discussion above under AOC J regarding the EE/CA and removal action work plan for this site.
- **SWMU 7 (Quebrada Disposal Site)**
Responses to regulatory comments on the draft RI report submitted to the regulatory agencies in November 2004 are still under regulatory consideration. See the discussion above under AOC J regarding the EE/CA and removal action work plan for this site.

Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan will be prepared in accordance with requirements defined in the Federal Facility Agreement, which is under development.

EASTERN VIEQUES

- **Original 12 SWMUs/AOCs Contained in the RCRA Consent Order**
A data summary report summarizing the data collected during the Phase I RFI was submitted to the regulatory agencies in May 2005. The draft Phase I RFI report will be completed once the soil inorganics background investigation has been completed and its report finalized.

PI/PAOC sites

The final PA/SI work plan for 8 PI/PAOC site was submitted in January 2006, based on regulatory agency approval. The field work began in January 2006 and will be completed during the first half of 2006.

- **Background Soil Inorganics**

The public comment period on the Work Plan ended on June 11, 2005. The comments received remain under EPA review. It is anticipated that the responses to public comments will be released in February 2006, with the Final Work Plan and field work commencing relatively soon thereafter.

MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM

WEST VIEQUES

- **SWMU 4 (Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Area)**

The Draft Munitions/Explosives Remedial Investigation Report dated April 2004 is still under regulatory review.

- A draft engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) to remove munitions at selected areas in the vicinity of SWMU 4 was submitted to the regulatory agencies in December 2005.

EASTERN VIEQUES – Munitions Response Actions

The Time Critical Removal Action in the LIA continues; air monitoring still in effect to assess the BIP activities.

Public Involvement Activities

- Minutes, presentations and related materials from the last RAB meeting (November 17, 2005) have been sent to RAB members and meeting attendees.
- The next RAB meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2006
- The Navy, in collaboration with EPA and EQB are developing a technical workshop for the public focusing on risk assessment processes. The workshop has been scheduled for March 11, 2006.

VIEQUES DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL UPDATE (as of November, 2005)

Site	Document	Submitted By Navy To Regulators for Review	Regulator Comments Submitted To Navy
West Vieques			
AOC E	Final Supplemental RI Work Plan submitted in November 2005	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

AOC H	Draft RI Report	April 2004	October 2005
AOC I	Final Supplemental RI Work Plan submitted in November 2005	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
AOC J	Draft RI Report	April 2004	January 2006
	Draft EE/CA	August 2005	October 2005
	Draft Final EE/CA	Submitted to RAB/Public in December 2005	Not Applicable
	Draft Removal Action Work Plan	November 2005	
AOC R	Final RI Work Plan submitted in November 2005	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
	Draft EE/CA	August 2005	October 2005
	Draft Final EE/CA	Submitted to RAB/Public in December 2005	Not Applicable
	Draft Removal Action Work Plan	November 2005	
SWMU 4	Draft RI Work Plan	June 2004	January 2006
SWMU 6	Draft RI Report	April 2004	Not Received
	Draft EE/CA	August 2005	October 2005
	Draft Final EE/CA	Submitted to RAB/Public in December 2005	Not Applicable
SWMU 7	Response to comments on Draft RI Report	November 2004	Not Received
	Draft EE/CA	August 2005	October 2005
	Draft Final EE/CA	Submitted to RAB/Public in December 2005	Not Applicable
NFA Sites	PREQB Response to Public Comments on No Further Action Report	Not Applicable	Not Received
East Vieques			
Background Soil	Revised Draft Final Background Investigation Work Plan	Public Comments Submitted to EPA in June 2005	EPA Responses Not Received

Original RFI Sites	Data Summary Report	May 2005	Not Applicable
8 PI/PAOC Sites	Final PA/SI Work Plan submitted in January 2006	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Baseline Groundwater	Draft Final Groundwater Baseline Investigation	May 2005	