



# Vieques Clean up News!

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## Proposed Plans for Area of Concern E and Area of Concern I available for public comment

The Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will issue the proposed plans and open the 45-day public comment period on November 4. In addition, a public meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 2013, at Jorge's Ice House to discuss the proposed plans and answer comments or questions.

AOC E is the site of a former 500-gallon underground storage tank that stored used oil from vehicle maintenance activities from 1970 until 1996. AOC I is the site of a former asphalt plant that was operated from the 1960s until 1999. Both sites are located on land within the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment, on land now owned by the Municipality of Vieques. The Proposed Plans for both sites present the Navy's, EPA's, and PREQB's proposed alternatives to address groundwater contamination at the sites.

The Proposed Plans and supporting documents will be available for public review at:

Biblioteca Electrónica  
Calle Benítez Guzmán  
(Corner with Baldorioty de Castro)  
Isabel Segunda, Vieques  
Phone: 787-741-5000  
10:00 am–6:00 pm, Monday–Friday

and on the Navy's public website:

<http://public.lantops-ir.org/sites/public/vieques>

The public comment period will begin November 4, 2013, and end December 19, 2013. Public comments can be submitted at the public meeting or sent to:

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## RAB meeting – Vieques Ice House – Nov 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9:00 PM

A meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) will take place following the public meeting for the Proposed Plans for AOCs E and I. Agenda items will include an update on the environmental investigations and a report from the regulatory agencies representatives. We hope to see you there!

## Keep you and your family safe during the holidays. Stay out of restricted areas!

Visiting Vieques' beautiful beaches is a great way to celebrate the holidays; but not beaches in the restricted areas or anchoring personal, charter or other commercial boats in waters surrounding the restricted areas. Restricted areas may contain munitions. Stay safe and visit only areas open to the public.

To learn more about munitions safety and the areas open to the public, visit the Navy's informational kiosks at the entrance to Playa La Chiva (formerly Blue Beach), Playa Pata Prieta, Punta Arenas (formerly Green Beach), and Playa Caracas (formerly Red Beach). Stop by the kiosks and learn the importance of avoiding restricted areas.

You can find which beaches are open to the public at this page on the Navy's Vieques public website:  
<http://public.lantops-ir.org/sites/public/vieques/Munitions/MunitionsSafety.aspx>

Remember, if you find a suspicious item on public or private property, please call the Police: (787) 741-2020 or 9-1-1.