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Vieques Clean up News!

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Environmental Restoration, Munitions Response Program – 2011 Summary

2011 was a busy year for the Navy's environmental restoration and munitions response programs on Vieques. This year's successful efforts include:

- Completion of subsurface munitions removal at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 4.
- Over 1,800 acres have been surface cleared of munitions on East Vieques. Over 37,000 munitions items have been removed and destroyed to date: 7,268 bombs, 12,797 submunitions.
- A Record of Decision (ROD) was signed for SWMU 1, a 41-acre parcel used as a landfill from 1954 to 1978 for the disposal of municipal waste from Camp García. The remedy selected for SWMU 1 consists of an enhanced soil cover, institutional controls, performance monitoring, and five-year reviews.
- A ROD was signed documenting a decision of No Further Action for Areas of Concern (AOCs) J and R and SWMU 7. AOC J is the Former Operations/Staging Area Disposal Site. AOC R is a former construction staging area. SWMU 7 is the Former Quebrada Disposal Site. AOCs J and R and SWMU 7 are all located adjacent to Highway 200 on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment on West Vieques.

- Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings were held in February, April, August and November 2011. Since the RAB was formed in 2004, stakeholders have participated in 31 RAB meetings. RAB activities have included site visits and workshops on ecological and human health risk assessment.
- More than 500 people gathered in Town Square October 20 to learn what the Navy and 17 federal, Commonwealth and local agencies and nonprofit groups are doing to protect the environment of Vieques. The fair featured many educational displays on munitions safety and cleanup, conservation, protection, recycling, and ecology.



Children have fun and learn about protecting the environment at the Environmental Fair.



Vegetation removal team

Happy – and SAFE – Holidays!

Many local residents and tourists will spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Vieques' beautiful beaches. Don't spoil your holiday celebrations by visiting beaches in the restricted areas or anchoring personal, charter or other commercial boats in waters surrounding the restricted areas.

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