



Vieques Cleanup News!

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Happy New Year!

Munitions Removal Update

As of December 19, 2008*:

- 903 acres in the Live Impact Area and Eastern Conservation Area have been surface cleared.
- Over 14,500 live munitions removed.
- All beaches (65 acres) have previously been surface cleared.
- Approximately 6,000 tons of munitions debris (MD) and range-related debris (RRD) has been recovered and is being processed for eventual shipment to a recycler.
- Over 1,700 tons of MD and RRD have been shipped off island to be recycled.

*project shutdown December 20, 2008 – January 4, 2009 for the holidays.

Environmental Program Update

Throughout the first part of 2009, the Navy will be conducting environmental investigations, referred to under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) as Site Inspections, at 23 sites in the former Vieques Naval Training Range on eastern Vieques.

The investigations will involve, variously, exploration to identify the presence of potential subsurface items such as buried debris, fuel pipelines, and fuel storage tanks; monitoring well installation; and soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment sampling.

The resulting data will be used to determine whether releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents have occurred from past military related activities and, if so, whether the releases warrant further investigation or action.

WARNING

To protect Vieques residents and visitors, the roads leading to the areas that contain munitions and explosives have been blocked and identified with warning signs.

The water that surrounds the former training area is a danger zone. For your safety, do not anchor your boats or visit the beaches in this danger zone.

For your safety, please do not trespass in these restricted areas

New Opportunity to Participate in the Cleanup of Vieques

RAB Meeting – January 28

NAVFAC Atlantic invites interested members of the public to participate in the investigation and cleanup process by joining the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) or receiving information by mail.

The next RAB meeting will be held at Jorge's Ice House on January 28, 2009, in Barrio Martineau from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We will discuss the progress of the environmental clean up and the munitions response activities on Vieques.

We hope to see you there!