



Vieques Cleanup News!

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Trespassing into restricted areas is dangerous



Trespassing continues to be a major problem in the restricted areas, both in the water and on land. Those who trespass expose themselves to grave danger.

Please observe the warning signs.

The Removal of Munitions from the surface of the former Navy Range Continues

- As of February 28, 2009, 978 acres in the Live Impact Area (LIA), Eastern Conservation Area and Surface Impact Area have been surface cleared.
- **These areas are not open to the public.**
- Over 17,000 live munitions have been removed.
- Approximately 6,200 tons of munitions debris (MD) and range-related debris (RRD) have been recovered and are being processed for eventual shipment to a recycler.
- Over 2,600 tons of MD and RRD have been shipped off island to be recycled.

Removal Action on West Vieques

Removal actions and confirmatory sampling at Solid Waste Management Units 6 and 7 and Areas of Concern J and R are underway and are anticipated to be completed by mid-May 2009.

The removal actions are considered "interim actions" in that the final remedy for these sites has not yet been determined through the record of decision (ROD) process. However, if the confirmatory data indicate that the removal actions have eliminated unacceptable risks posed by the debris and contaminated soil, then the "interim actions" may indeed satisfy the final remedial objectives for the site.



Approximately, 11,000 tons of soil and debris will be excavated and disposed from these four sites. Tires and large metal will be separated from the debris and transported to Puerto Rico for recycling or disposal.



RAB meeting – April 30

NAVFAC Atlantic invites interested members of the public to participate in the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting. We will discuss the progress of the environmental clean up and the munitions response activities on Vieques. More information will be available soon.

We hope to see you there!