



# The US Navy informs you about the Vieques Cleanup

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## Munitions Response Program



We continue making progress. Since May 2005, we have removed munitions and explosives of concern from the surface of 350 acres. Over 3,000 live munitions and over 100,000 munitions related items have been removed. More than 545 tons of processed

scrap metal have been shipped out of Vieques. All of this material is being sent to recycling facilities where it will be put to new uses. For every ton of steel that is recycled, 2500 lbs of iron ore, 1000 lbs of coal and 40 lbs of limestone are preserved. It has been estimated that for every pound of steel that is recycled, 5400 BTU's of energy are conserved.

## Digital Geophysical Mapping

In February, we began doing a geophysical mapping of the beaches and roads of the east. A geophysical mapping is a survey done with specialized equipment capable to detect difference in magnetic



readings. These differences in readings could indicate buried metal anomalies. The anomalies could be buried munitions. Approximately 300 acres of beaches and roads will be mapped to identify below surface anomalies. Investigation of selected anomalies will occur once the Navy and the regulatory agencies agree on the plan to be followed.

**Restoration Advisory Board.** The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) held its 11th meeting on March 29, 2007. Project updates were presented by the Navy. EPA and PREQB discussed their oversight efforts since January 2007. Next meeting is being planned for August. More information will be available soon.

The public is welcome to attend all RAB meetings.

## No Further Action Resolution for sites on western Vieques

The results of both Expanded Preliminary Assessments/Site Investigations for the Former NASD recommended a total of nine sites located on West Vieques for no further action (NFA) in the No Further Action Report for Nine Sites. The NFA recommendation was based on several data sources including: review of historical aerial photos, interviews with former employees, review of archived records, and site inspections. In addition, samples were collected at the sites and analyzed for: metals, volatile and semi-volatile compounds, PCBs, and pesticides. Furthermore, a quantitative human health risk assessment and a qualitative ecological survey were completed for each site. The human health risk assessment concluded the sites did not pose an unacceptable risk to human health. In February 2007 the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) issued a Resolution detailing their decision on the NFA document. The resolution concurs with the findings and proposed no further action determinations. However, details of site closeouts and any additional requirements are being discussed by the Navy and PREQB.

## Vieques Administrative Record is now available on site

The Administrative Record (AR) for the Vieques Clean up project is now available at a computer located at the electronic library in Isabel Segunda. The Administrative Record is a collection of all the final documents,



correspondence and other information related to the project. The AR will be updated regularly to ensure all documents are available to the public. The electronic library, which is located at the Carlos LeBrum Street # 449, is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, telephone number (787) 741-2114.

**Vieques Community Involvement Plan (CIP).** The CIP is the result of a joint effort by the Navy, EPA and PREQB. It is intended to facilitate a collaborative process and to serve as a guide for all outreach and community involvement activities for the site. The Plan will be soon released to the public, stay tuned for more information on this subject.