



The US Navy informs you about the Vieques Cleanup

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Munitions Response Program Update

Progress to through September 2007:

- 497 acres in the LIA have been surface cleared
- All beaches (65 acres) have previously been surface cleared
- Over 5,300 live munitions removed
- Approximately 3000 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.

The Navy invites public comment on an EE/CA

The Department of the Navy invites public comment on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report for the subsurface removal of munitions along select roadways and beaches at the former Navy property in the eastern and western portion of Vieques. The public comment period opened on October 3, 2007 through November 5, 2007.

The goal of the EE/CA is to identify the objectives of the removal action and to analyze the effectiveness, feasibility, and cost of various alternatives that may satisfy these objectives. The EE/CA presents the Navy's proposed alternative, however the selected alternative is chosen by the regulatory agencies following their review of the EE/CA and consideration of the public's comments.

This document is located for public review at the Biblioteca Electrónica in Isabel Segunda or by accessing NAVFAC website: <http://public.lantops-ir.org/sites/public/vieques/default.aspx>

FFA is now available for public review

The Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) was signed on August 7, 2007, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Navy, the Department of the Interior, the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board.

The purposes of the FFA are: 1) ensure that the environmental impacts are thoroughly investigated and that the proper remedial actions are taken as necessary to protect the public and the environment; 2) establish the framework and schedule to develop, implement and monitor appropriate response actions according to the federal and commonwealth law and regulations; and 3) facilitate cooperation, exchange of information and participation of these parties.

The FFA is available for a 45 days public comment period at the EPA website:

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/vieques>,
or the Navy website:

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

The FFA is also available at the EPA office at Vieques and Santurce, EQB Office, and the Site Official Repository at the Biblioteca Electrónica in Isabel Segunda.

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting (RAB) November 8th at the Lighthouse

The next RAB meeting has been scheduled for November 8th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Lighthouse in Isabel Segunda in Vieques. We'll discuss the progress of the clean up of East and West Vieques.

The public is always welcome!