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Navy Schedules Second Controlled Detonation at Kalaeloa Site

PEARL HARBOR – During the Navy’s environmental restoration site inspection at Ordy Pond, various Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) or potentially explosive items have been found that will be destroyed through controlled detonations at a safe, pre-designated location at the project site Feb. 15.

“This is our second detonation action to protect the public,” said Aaron Poentis, Navy Region Hawaii Environmental Director. “At no time will any of the cultural and archeological resources adjacent to the project site be at risk. I want to make this point very clear since the Navy has taken important steps to avoid any culturally sensitive areas in executing this cleanup project.”

The public at White Plains Beach, the Kalaeloa race track, or others living in the Kapolei area may hear a series of loud noises which indicate intentional detonation actions to render the items harmless.

This effort on Feb. 15 is specifically designed to render harmless a maximum of twenty JAU-22/B Cartridge Actuated Devices (CADs) used by the Navy to expel marine markers from military aircraft. Tentative time for the detonation is between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Future detonations on site are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to safely open the remaining 152 JAU-22/B CADs for inspection.

The Navy expects there to be future controlled detonations beyond these dates as needed and will inform the public prior to the action.

The designated detonation area is secured by the contractor, Cape Environmental Management Inc., who is trained to execute this type of work. All of these efforts are under the complete oversight of the State of Hawaii’s regulatory agencies.

Ordy Pond is located between the old Naval Air Station air field and White Plains Beach at Kalaeloa. It is within a partially fenced area and filled with fresh water. The pond is over 200 feet across and 19 feet deep at its deepest location.

The site was part of the Navy's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and is currently owned by the Navy.

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Photos/cutlines: High-resolution images are available. Please contact Denise Emsley.



PEARL HARBOR (Jan. 7, 2013) A view of Ordy Pond prior to mangrove removal. Clearing began on Jan. 7. The work took a little over one week. *(Photo by Luis Rodriguez, Cape Environmental Management Inc.)*



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PEARL HARBOR (Feb. 8, 2013) Looking across Ordy Pond on Feb. 8, approximately one month after dense mangrove removal was completed, large areas around edge of pond are now visible, allowing the contractor to search for potentially explosive items. *(Photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs Officer)*



PEARL HARBOR (Feb. 5, 2013) A photo showing a group of eight JAU-22/B Cartridge Actuated Devices used to expel marine markers from military aircraft. *(Photo by Luis Rodriguez, Cape Environmental Management Inc.)*

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