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Navy Schedules a Fourth Controlled Detonation at Kalaeloa Site

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – The Navy has scheduled controlled detonations at a safe, pre-designated location at the Ordy Pond remediation project site, Kalaeloa, for Oct. 6-7, 2014 to destroy various Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) that have been found.

“The Navy has taken and will continue to ensure all necessary actions to protect the public and any cultural and archeological resources at the site,” said Aaron Poentis, Navy Region Hawaii environmental director. “As we continue the cleanup, there may be additional announcements of MEC removals and our goal is to keep the public informed.”

The public at White Plains Beach, the Kalaeloa race track, or others living in the Kapolei area may observe a series of loud noises and smoke that indicates intentional detonation actions to render the items harmless.

This effort on Oct. 6-7 is specifically designed to take care of various items such as flares, practice bombs and JAU-22/B Cartridge Actuated Devices (CADs). The tentative time for the detonation is between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The designated detonation area is secured by Cape Environmental Management Inc., the contractor, 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.

This will be the fourth controlled detonation at the Ordy Pond Site in Kalaeloa since 2013.

Ordy Pond is located between the old Naval Air Station air field and White Plains Beach at Kalaeloa. It’s within a partially fenced area and filled with fresh water. The pond measures 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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