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Navy Schedules a Controlled Detonation Window at Kalaeloa Site

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – The Navy has scheduled a two-week window, Oct. 13 – 24, for contractor CAPE Environmental Management Inc., to conduct controlled detonations of various Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) that have been recovered at the Ordy Pond remediation project site, Kalaeloa.

“Three to five days of detonations are planned during this period to allow flexibility for the Navy and its contractor to choose days when the weather is suitable to conduct such operations,” said Aaron Poentis, Navy Region Hawaii environmental director. “In addition, we are finding that the flares, which have been soaking in the pond for decades, are requiring much more time and effort to render harmless than previously estimated, so additional demolition days are necessary.”

This effort is specifically designed to take care of various items such as flares, practice bombs and JAU-22/B Cartridge Actuated Devices (CADs) that are found at the site.

The public may hear noises or see smoke between 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. on various days from Oct. 13 – 24 indicating intentional detonation actions.

The designated detonation area at Ordy Pond is secured by 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. The Navy continues to take all necessary actions to protect the public and any cultural and archeological resources at the site.

This will be the fifth controlled detonation event scheduled 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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