

# **Quarterly Progress Report Administrative Order On Consent**

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## SECTION 1

# Introduction

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Navy signed Consent Order Docket No. RCRA-02-99-7301 for the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF) in Vieques, Puerto Rico on January 10, 2000. The effective date of the consent order was January 20, 2000 and stipulates the submittal of quarterly progress reports. This submittal is the tenth quarterly progress report for the AFWTF and covers the reporting period from July 16, 2002 – October 15, 2002. The quarterly progress report is organized in the following sections:

1. Introduction - Presents the objective of the quarterly progress reports and provides a brief description of each report section.
2. Work Completed - A description of activities conducted, pursuant to the provisions of the Consent Order during the reporting period.
3. Summary of Findings - A brief summary of corrective action related findings developed during the reporting period.
4. Summary of Changes - A brief summary of any changes made in the corrective action program.
5. Community Relations Summary - A brief summary of any contacts made with the local community or interested groups during the reporting period.
6. Problems Encountered/Response Taken - A brief summary of problems or conditions that caused a response to be made in the corrective action program.
7. Personnel Changes - Personnel changes made during the period.
8. Planned Work - A list of tasks planned for the next period.

Each section includes a separate list of contents and separate attachments as necessary and appropriate.

## SECTION 2

# Work Completed

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Significant activities during the third quarter reporting period (July 16, 2002 – October 15, 2002) are summarized below.

- A meeting was held in EPA's New York office on July 31, 2002 to finalize the posters for the August 15, 2002 Public Availability meeting and to conduct a "Dry Run" of the poster session.
- On July 31, 2002, copies of the Final Community Relations Work Plan and Fact Sheet for AFWTF were submitted to EPA. Two copies of the following documents were submitted to the repository in Vieques for public comment:
  - Final Master Work Plan for AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico,
  - Final Site Specific Work Plan for Phase I RFI AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico,
  - Final Work Plan and Sampling and Analysis Plan for Soil and Background Investigation for AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, and
  - Final Work Plan for the Groundwater Baseline Investigation at U.S. Navy's Eastern Maneuver Area, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
  - Final Community Relations Work Plan and Fact Sheet for AFWTF
- A conference call was held on August 6, 2002 to discuss final plans for the Public Availability meeting and to review a list of potential questions that may be asked by the public and develop responses to these questions.
- On August 15, 2002, a Public Availability meeting and poster session was held at the Vieques Municipal Center in Isabel Segunda, Vieques Puerto Rico.

## Poster Session Planning Meeting July 31, 2002

A meeting was held on July 31, 2002 in EPA's Region II office to finalize the posters for the August 15, 2002 Public Availability meeting to be held in Vieques. The following people attended the meeting, either in person or via conference call:

Tim Gordon/EPA	Chris Penny/LANTDIV
Nicky DiForte/EPA	Madeline Rivera/NSRR
Carlos Ramos/EPA	John Tomik/CH2M HILL
Danny Rodriguez/EPA	Marty Clasen/CH2M HILL
Peter Brandt/EPA	Ginny Farris/CH2M HILL
Brenda Reyes/EPA	Susana Struve/CH2M HILL
Sheila Torres/PREQB	Yarissa Martinez/PREQB

The posters were reviewed and finalized during the meeting. The contract for the meeting hall was finalized. EPA finalized plans to publish the public notice for the meeting in the San Juan Star and El Vocero. Logistics were worked out for travel, meeting time, and security. A conference call was planned for August 6, 2002.

## **Final Work Plans Submitted**

On July 31, 2002, the Final Community Relations Work Plan and Fact Sheet for AFWTF were submitted to EPA. Additionally, final work plan documents were sent to the Vieques library for public comment. Two copies of the following documents were sent to the library:

- Final Master Work Plan for AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
- Final Site Specific Work Plan for Phase I RFI AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
- Final Work Plan and Sampling and Analysis Plan for Soil and Background Investigation for AFWTF, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
- Final Work Plan for the Groundwater Baseline Investigation at U.S. Navy's Eastern Maneuver Area, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
- Final Community Relations Work Plan and Fact Sheet for AFWTF

## **Conference Call Meeting August 6, 2002**

A conference call was held on August 6, 2002 to finalize plans for the poster session and develop potential questions that may be asked during the poster session. The following people were on the conference call:

Tim Gordon/EPA	Chris Penny/LANTDIV
Nicky DiForte/EPA	Madeline Rivera/NSRR
Carlos Ramos/EPA	John Tomik/CH2M HILL
Danny Rodriguez/EPA	Marty Clasen/CH2M HILL
Ginny Farris/CH2M HILL	Yarissa Martinez/PREQB

Logistical plans for the poster session such as refreshments, security, assignments for each table, floor layout, etc. were finalized. A list of potential questions was generated by EPA. Responses to the questions were also developed.

## **Public Availability Meeting August 15, 2002**

A Public Availability meeting (poster session) was held at the Vieques Municipal Center from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on August 15, 2002. The following people attended the meeting to answer questions from the public:

Tim Gordon/EPA

Nicky DeForte/EPA

Carlos Ramos/EPA

Danny Rodriguez/EPA

Ginny Farris/CH2M HILL

Brenda Reyes/EPA

Yarissa Martinez/PREQB

Chris Penny/LANTDIV

Madeline Rivera/NSRR

John Tomik/CH2M HILL

Marty Clasen/CH2M HILL

Susana Struve/CH2M HILL

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Approximately 75 members from the public attended the poster session. The session was well received by the public.

SECTION 3

## Summary of Findings

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This section provides a brief summary of RCRA corrective action related findings during the reporting period.

No new RCRA corrective action items were identified during this reporting period.

SECTION 4

## Summary of Changes

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This section provides brief summaries of any changes made in the corrective action program during this reporting period.

No changes were made during the last quarter.

SECTION 5

## Community Relations Summary

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EPA published the Public Notice for the Public Availability session on August 2, 2002. On July 31, 2002, the AFWTF Final Master Work Plan (including the CRWP and Fact Sheet), were placed at the public library in Vieques for a 30-day public review and comment period.

A public availability meeting was held on August 15, 2002 in Vieques to present the AFWTF work plans.

On September 9, 2002, EPA published a Public Notice in the San Juan Star and El Vocero which increased the review time of the work plan documents to 90 days. The increased review time was based on comments received from the public at the August 15, 2002 poster session. The public review and comment period for the AFWTF work plan documents will now extent until November 8, 2002.

SECTION 6

## **Problems Encountered/Response Taken**

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This section provides brief summaries of problems or conditions that caused a response to be made in the corrective action program.

No problems were encountered during the reporting period.

SECTION 7

## Personnel Changes

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This section provides information related to any personnel changes made during the period.

Brenda Reyes was added to the EPA San Juan office public relations team. Sheila Torres was added to the PREQB environmental team.

SECTION 8

## Planned Work

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This section provides the list of tasks planned for the next reporting period.

The following work is planned for the next reporting period:

- The EPA will receive comments from the public on the work plan documents. The public comment period ends on November 8, 2002. EPA will begin to evaluate the comments and develop responses to the community.