

# **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 eighth quarterly progress report for the AFWTF and covers the reporting period from January 16, 2002 – April 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 first quarter reporting period (January 16, 2002 – April 15, 2002) are summarized below.

- Submitted a revised Community Relations Work Plan (CRWP) and Fact Sheet for the 12 AFWTF sites to the EPA on January 28, 2002.
- Submitted a revised Figure 2 for the AFWTF Fact Sheet to EPA on February 7, 2002.
- Received letter from EPA dated February 20, 2002, and subsequent email from Tim Gordon dated March 28, 2002 which fully approved all the RFI Work Plans submitted in September 2001. With the exception of a few minor comments, the letter also approved the CRWP and the Community Fact Sheet for the 12 AFWTF sites.
- Submitted revised pages of CRWP to EPA on March 22, 2002
- Requested a meeting in EPA office to discuss implementation of Community Relations Plan for AFWTF.

## **Submittal of Revised CRWP and Fact Sheet for 12 AFWTF Sites**

Based on comments from EPA on November 7, 2001, the Navy submitted a revised CRWP and a revised fact sheet to the EPA on January 28, 2002. Once the CRWP revisions are approved by EPA, the Master Work Plan (including the CRWP) will be placed in the public library in Vieques for a 30-day public review and comment period.

## **Submittal of Revised Figure 2 for AFWTF Fact Sheet**

Based on comments from EPA, the Navy submitted a revised Figure 2 for the AFWTF Fact Sheet. Figure 2 shows the RCRA process including RFA, RFI, CMS, CMI, and stages of public input.

## **Receipt of Additional EPA Comments on the CRWP and Fact Sheet**

CH2M HILL received additional comments from the EPA on the revised CRWP and Fact Sheet in a letter dated February 20, 2002. The first comment requested that a separate TRC or separate subsection of the existing TRC be set up for the AFWTF. The remaining 6 comments were very minor editorial changes in the CRWP.

## **Submittal of Revised Pages of CRWP to EPA**

The Navy submitted the revised pages of the AFWTF CRWP to EPA on March 22, 2002. The next step in the process is to publish a Public Notice in a San Juan newspaper describing the upcoming Phase I RFI at the AFWTF. After the public notice, the Fact Sheet will be distributed in Vieques and the RFI work plan documents will be placed in the Vieques library for a 30 day public review period.

## **Request for Meeting at EPA Region II Office**

The Navy requested a meeting be held in the EPA Region II office in New York to discuss the next step in the Community Relations process for AFWTF, which includes conducting interviews with the public. . The EPA appointed Carlos Ramos as the Community Relations lead for Vieques and scheduled the meeting with the Navy for May 15, 2002 at the Region II Headquarters office in New York.

SECTION 3

## 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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A Final Community Relations Work Plan (CRWP) was re-submitted to the EPA on January 28, 2002 along with the Fact Sheet for the 12 AFWTF sites. Additionally, a revised Figure 2 from the Fact Sheet was submitted to EPA on February 7, 2002. After EPA publishes the Public Notice, these documents along with the AFWTF Final Master Work Plan, Final Site-Specific Work Plan, Final Work Plan for Groundwater Baseline Investigation at the EMA, Final Work Plan for Soil and Groundwater Background Investigation, and Final Description of Current Conditions Report will be placed at the public library in Vieques for a 30-day public review and comment period.

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

## 7. Personnel Changes

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

Carlos Ramos will be the new EPA point of contact for community relations issues for AFWTF on Vieques, replacing Mary Helen Cervantes.

## SECTION 8

# 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:

- Upon EPA publishing the Public Notice for the planned Phase I RFI work at AFWTF, CH2M HILL will place five copies of the AFWTF Final Master Work Plan, the Final Site Specific Work Plan, the Final Description of Current Conditions Report, the Final Work Plan for Groundwater Baseline Investigation at U.S. Navy's EMA, and the Final AFWTF Work Plan for Soil and Groundwater Background Investigation at the public library in Vieques for a 30-day public review and comment period.
- It is anticipated that during the next reporting period CH2M HILL will be initiate efforts associated with preparation for field activities related to the Phase I RFI's at the 12 AFWTF sites.