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## RHODE ISLAND

# EPA to pay for Davisville dump cleanup

■ The \$10.3 million will be used to buy an impermeable cap to seal off the Allen Harbor landfill, and eventually transform part of it into a town recreation area.

By **CHRIS POON**  
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**NORTH KINGSTOWN** — The hazardous-waste site at the former Navy base at Davisville has received \$10.3 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a cleanup project that will eventually turn a poison-laced landfill into a town recreation area.

The money is part of a \$26-million EPA package to six military facilities

in New England, including the New London, Conn., submarine base, Fort Devens in Ayer, Mass., and Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H.

The \$10.3 million slated for the Allen Harbor landfill will pay for an impermeable cap to seal off the landfill so rainwater won't leach into the dump and drain into nearby Allen Harbor.

The money will also pay for wetlands restoration at the edge of the landfill. Once it is topped with sod and planted, the sloped area will likely become a town recreation area for hikers and bikers.

The town has applied for ownership of the 15-acre parcel from the

Navy. The Navy is expected to relinquish its ownership of the entire Davisville base soon.

The state Economic Development Corporation is marketing both the former Quonset Naval Air Station and the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Davisville as a port and industrial park.

Sections of Davisville, including the Allen Harbor landfill, the adjacent marina and Calf Pasture Point, are potential recreational areas slated for town ownership.

The Navy had dumped jet fuel, paint, solvents, waste oil and asbestos into the dump since 1946. The dump closed in 1972, but it wasn't until 1989 that the EPA put the land-

fill on its National Priorities List. Sites on the list are equivalent in scope to Superfund sites, but are owned by the federal government.

"In order that the public can safely use these areas in the future, the EPA is committed to ensuring that the military has properly addressed contamination and minimized the health and environmental risks before these properties are transferred," said John DeVillars, administrator of EPA's New England office.

In addition to the Allen Harbor landfill, there are 15 other sites at Davisville on the National Priorities List. The Navy has plans to clean up all sites on the former Seabee base.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

#### THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL

■ **New Vice Principal:** The school has appointed Sr. Mary Ellen Donohue, SUSC, vice principal.

#### NEW ENGLAND

an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Current 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend.

For more information about this event or admission to the school, call (508) 678-7818.

■ **Blood Drive:** The National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive on Nov. 6. Anyone interested in donating blood is

### ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNAL

#### DEM spokesman accepts EPA post

Peyton Fleming, the chief spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Management for the last four years, is leav-

#### RISD kicks off recycling program

The Rhode Island School of Design has launched a major campus-wide recycling program this fall. The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation has donated

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