

## Military News

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# NAS Negotiates Agreement

The Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered into an agreement recently, known as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 3008 (h) Consent Order.

Under the agreement, various sites at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana will be studied to determine if contamination exists, sampled and, if necessary, the sites will be remediated within specific time frames.

The sites include old landfills and areas where spills of solvents and fuel/oil are suspected. Initial investigations have been completed at over half of the NAS Oceana sites.

There is no evidence that pollutants have migrated off the station

or that a public health hazard exists. Several sites are expected to be exempted from further study pending EPA review of recent reports documenting insignificant contamination.

CH2M Hill, Inc. has been contracted by the Navy to complete the additional studies required by the agreement.

All studies will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee (TRC) comprised of representatives from the air station, state and federal regulatory agencies, the city of Virginia Beach, and the local community. In addition, a community relations plan is being developed to promote factual and timely dissemination of study findings to the general public.