



# Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration Program RAB Update: September 27, 2005

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Installation Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at the Rodeway Inn (formerly the Kittery Outlet Inn), Kittery, Maine. The agenda included a presentation on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) reports for Sites 30 and 34.

<p>The Navy plans to conduct non-time-critical removal actions at Site 30.</p>	<p>The non-time-critical removal action for Site 30 (former Galvanizing Plant, Building 184) focuses on an area beneath the floor of the building that previously contained tanks that were used as part of an industrial cleaning operation conducted in the building. The operation was discontinued in the 1960s, the tanks were removed, and the area filled in. Investigations of the area show that the material in the area beneath the floor represents a potential risk to human health and the environment from migration of groundwater. In addition, the material in the area beneath the floor appears to be the source for acidic crystal growth on the wall adjacent to the area. To the extent possible, the Navy is recommending removal action activities including long-term periodic removal of crystals, and minimization of water entering and removal of water in the area beneath the floor. These activities would continue until operations in the building are relocated and a permanent remedy is determined. The 30-day public comment period on the Site 30 EE/CA was held from September 20 to October 19, 2005.</p>			
<p>The Navy plans to conduct non-time-critical removal actions at Site 34.</p>	<p>The non-time-critical removal action for Site 34 (former Oil Gasification Plant, Building 62) focuses on the ash that was deposited outside the building. The ash appears to be from the burning of coal as part previous operations in the building. The majority of the ash is covered by asphalt or vegetation; however, the chemicals in the ash represent a potential risk if the ash is uncovered. A removal action for the ash is expected to address the majority of risk for the site. Of the five removal action alternatives evaluated, the Navy is recommending excavation of the ash at the site that is most vulnerable to being uncovered (ash under vegetation or near the shoreline). The ash would be disposed off site at an appropriate disposal facility. The 30-day public comment period on the Site 34 EE/CA is being held from October 19 to November 21, 2005.</p>			
<p>Next Meeting Announced</p>	<p>The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:  <b>Thursday, November 17, 2005 beginning at 7:00 P.M.</b>  <b>Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, NH</b></p> <p>The agenda will include a presentation on the draft OU2 Treatability Study Report. As usual, interested members of the public are welcome.</p>			
<p>Questions?           To be added to the mailing list please contact the Shipyard Public Affairs Office at the address or telephone number listed.</p>	<p>If you would like more information on this or other matters relating to the Installation Restoration Program at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, please contact:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"> <p>Danna Eddy            Public Affairs Office            Portsmouth Naval Shipyard            Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000            (207) 438-1140</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <p>Matt Audet            U.S. EPA            1 Congress St. Suite 1100            Boston, MA 02114-2023            (617) 918-1449</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <p>Iver McLeod            Maine DEP            17 State House Station            Augusta, ME 04333-0017            (207) 287-8010</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Danna Eddy            Public Affairs Office            Portsmouth Naval Shipyard            Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000            (207) 438-1140</p>	<p>Matt Audet            U.S. EPA            1 Congress St. Suite 1100            Boston, MA 02114-2023            (617) 918-1449</p>	<p>Iver McLeod            Maine DEP            17 State House Station            Augusta, ME 04333-0017            (207) 287-8010</p>
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