

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration Program RAB Update: September 26, 2006

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Installation Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at the Courtyard Marriot, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The agenda included an update on the Installation Restoration (IR) Program and a summary of the recent Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Public Health Assessment for PNS.

Various work at the IR sites conducted in 2006.

Construction work was completed over the summer at three IR sites. The work completed included:

- Debris removal and shoreline protection to stabilize the OU7 (Topeka Pier) shoreline.
- Debris removal and shoreline protection to stabilize a portion of the OU2 shoreline, east of the seawall.
- Crystal removal inside Building 184 (Site 30) and placement of a vinyl cover over the area of crystal growth to prevent exposure to the crystal growth.

Field work was also conducted over the summer and included:

- Data gap investigation for OU1 (Site 10).
- Round 1 of the post-remedial Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring program for OU3.

Upcoming work in FY07 will be conducted for OU1 (remedial investigation report), OU2 (additional investigation planning), OU3 (Round 2 of OM&M program), OU4 (additional scrutiny report for the offshore area), OU7 (phase 2 remedial investigation planning), OU9 (removal action), and Site 30 (removal action).

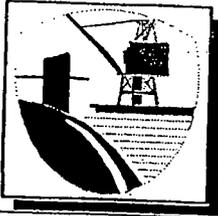
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Carole Hossom from ATSDR provided a summary of the public health assessment report for PNS that is currently under public comment (until October 30, 2006). The draft review document was provided to the PNS RAB members. Based on review of documents for PNS, ATSDR identified fish and shellfish, Piscataqua River water and sediment, and lead in on-base housing as the three public health concerns for PNS that required evaluation in the assessment. The public health assessment concluded that consumption advisories in place for the Piscataqua River will protect public health from exposure to contamination that may be in mussel or lobsters (tomalley only). There are no public health concerns for flounder, lobster meat, or river water or sediments. The Shipyard lead abatement program is adequate to protect public health from exposure to lead in paint in on-base housing.

During the presentation, RAB members provided ATSDR input on other concerns related to young children exposed to sediment along the shoreline of two IR sites, dioxin in various media at PNS (onshore and offshore), and biological contamination in Spruce Creek. ATSDR will look into these concerns. RAB and community members can provide additional input to ATSDR during the public comment period.

Additional information can be obtained from:

- Carole Hossom at 404-498-0372
- ATSDR Web Site: www.atsdr.cdc.gov
- Gary Perlman in ATSDR Region 1, Boston at 617-918-1492
- ATSDR Hotline at 1-888-422-8737



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<p>RAB members welcomed John Gildersleeve.</p>	<p>Ken Plaisted introduced John Gildersleeve, who is replacing Marty Raymond as the PNS IR manager. John is an Environmental Engineer with many years of experience in the environmental field. John is originally from Connecticut and he, his wife, and baby daughter recently moved back to the East Coast. Prior to taking the position at PNS, John worked for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration on the West Coast.</p>			
<p>Navy begins preparation of the first Five-Year Review Report for PNS</p>	<p>The Navy began preparing the first Five-Year Review Report for PNS IR sites. The purpose of the review is to evaluate the implementation and performance of the remedies at the sites to determine whether the remedies are protective of human health and the environment. The main focus of the review for PNS is the OU3 remedy; however, the Navy will also provide the status of all of the current IR sites. The review consists of evaluation of documents, site inspection, and limited interviews (with PNS and Navy personnel during the site inspection). The site inspections were conducted in August and September 2006. The draft report will be submitted in November 2006 and will be presented at the December RAB meeting.</p>			
<p>Next Meeting Announced</p>	<p>The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on: Thursday, December 7, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Best Western, Portsmouth, NH</p> <p>The agenda will include a presentation on draft Five-Year Review Report for PNS. 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%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Danna Eddy Public Affairs Office Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000 (207) 438-1140</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Matt Audet USEPA 1 Congress St. Suite 1100 Boston, MA 02114-2023 (617) 918-1449</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <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 USEPA 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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