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Parties draft accord on oil dump cleanup

Work could begin during the summer

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PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD—An agreement to clean up a 10-acre oil dump in Wells used by close to 400 companies and government agencies calls for work to begin sometime this summer.

The site was used for dumping used oil by the Portland-Bangor Waste Oil Co., which recycled most of it but dumped about 1 million gallons at the site.

One of the agencies using the company was the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

"The shipyard, as well as numerous other waste oil generators in northern New England, was identified as a potentially responsible party at the waste oil site," said Alan M. Robinson of the shipyard's Congressional and Public Affairs Office. "Waste oils generated by the PRPs, including the

shipyard, were disposed by the Portland Bangor Waste Oil Co. at the Wells site in the late 1970s."

Other PRPs for the site, which was used from the 1950s until 1980, include Central Maine Power, the Coast Guard, Maine Yankee and Brunswick Naval Air Station.

"The shipyard is represented by the Department of Justice in this matter," Robinson said. "Both Justice and the shipyard are hopeful an agreement on all the PRPs' responsibilities for cleanup cost will be reached in the very near future with the state of Maine."

Cleanup is expected to take about a year at a cost of about \$15 million. The exact amount to be paid by each of the PRPs will not be known until a final accounting can be made of how many of those who used Portland Bangor are still in business and can be contacted.

Agreements will not be final until approved by U.S. District Court.