



Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Installation Restoration Program

RAB Update: September 15, 2009

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Installation Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Kittery Town Hall, Kittery, Maine. The agenda included presentations on the status of work including recent field activities and Site 30 removal action.

Field work was conducted the week of August 24, 2009, at two sites.

Field work to support the Remedial Investigation (RI) for Operable Unit (OU) 9 (Site 34 – Former Oil Gasification Plant) was conducted in August 2009. The RI field activities included installation of soil borings, collection of soil samples, and collection of sediment samples. Laboratory analysis of soil samples will provide data to evaluate residual contaminant concentrations in soil at the site after the 2006 removal action conducted to remove ash mixed with soil. The ash was generated as part of past site operations and deposited on the ground around the Former Oil Gasification Plant (Building 62). Sediment samples were collected to determine the extent of sediment impacted by past migration of contaminants in the ash to the offshore area.

In August 2009, as part of the post-remedial Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring (OM&M) program for OU3 at PNS, the Navy installed a new groundwater monitoring well (JW-7A) to replace a well that was damaged. The damaged well (JW-7) was intended to monitoring groundwater conditions upgradient of OU3. Another well (JW-19), identified to provide groundwater level information was also found to be damaged during implementation of the OM&M program. The two wells will be abandoned in October 2009 as part of maintenance activities for the OU3 remedy.

The Navy plans to conduct a removal action at Site 30.

Site 30 consists of a former acid tank vault below the ground in a portion of Building 184. When use of the tank was discontinued, the Shipyard filled in the vault, covered the fault with concrete, and began using the area for the Shipyard's welding school. The Shipyard is in the process of relocating the welding school. After the school is moved, the Navy is planning to conduct a removal action to remove the fill material and tank vault. The Navy will prepare an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the removal action.

The Navy continues with plans for the DRMO Impact Area removal action.

As the 30-day public comment period on the draft final EE/CA for removal of contaminated soil in the DRMO Impact Area is ending, the Navy is making plans to submit the draft Work Plan for removal action activities. The Navy anticipates finalizing the work plan in 2009 and conducting the soil removal in spring 2010.

Next meeting announced.

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009, beginning at 7:00 pm
at the Kittery Town Hall, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine**

Discussion topics will include presentations and updates on Installation Restoration Program activities at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. As usual, interested members of the public are welcome.

Questions?

If you would like more information on this or other matters relating to the Installation Restoration Program at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, please contact:

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