

Public Notices



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT Munitions Response Site Prioritization St. Juliens Creek Annex (SJCA)

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic, has initiated a munitions response site prioritization scoring for munitions response area UXO 0001 located at St. Juliens Creek Annex (SJCA), Chesapeake, Virginia. The results of this scoring will be used to sequence this site with other Navy/Marine Corps munitions response sites for response actions. UXO 0001 consists of the submerged areas surrounding the current and former wharfs of SCJA historically used for munitions loading in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River.

The Navy is seeking public information and input that may be useful in assessing potential site hazards and completing the prioritization process for UXO 0001.

Background: The Munitions Response Program works to reduce potential risks from unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM), and munitions constituents (MC) at ranges that are no longer operational, munitions burial sites, former target ranges, and other areas where site-specific operations may have resulted in the release of UXO, DMM, or MC. These are referred to as "munitions response sites." The Department of Defense (DoD) is required by Congress to set priorities for investigating all munitions response sites, based on overall conditions at these locations and the potential risk posed to human health and the environment. Prioritization is based on current available data and may change as additional data are collected.

After prioritization, the sites are sequenced for response action, in comparison with other Navy/Marine Corps sites. DoD policy is that a munitions response site with higher relative risks will be dealt with before a site with lower relative risks. Other factors, such as future land use, cultural and economic factors, and ecological impacts, also can influence sequencing decisions.

Munitions Response Site: A preliminary assessment of the site was completed in June 2009. The preliminary assessment included an initial prioritization scoring and recommended the site for further investigation and scoring evaluation. The site inspection is expected to begin in late 2009.

UXO 0001: Consists of approximately 3,000 linear feet of current and former wharf area along the shoreline of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. The site encompasses the former northern wharf area and the southern wharf area, which were primarily used for the loading and unloading of munitions at SJCA from the late-1890s until the mid-1970s. The areas are under examination for potential munitions that may have been dropped into the water during loading operations.

For More Information

For more information about these sites or the Munitions Response Program at SJCA, please contact:

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To Submit Comments

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Copies of the Preliminary Assessment Report can be obtained from the SJCA Information Repository (see above) or by contacting the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Public Affairs Office.

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