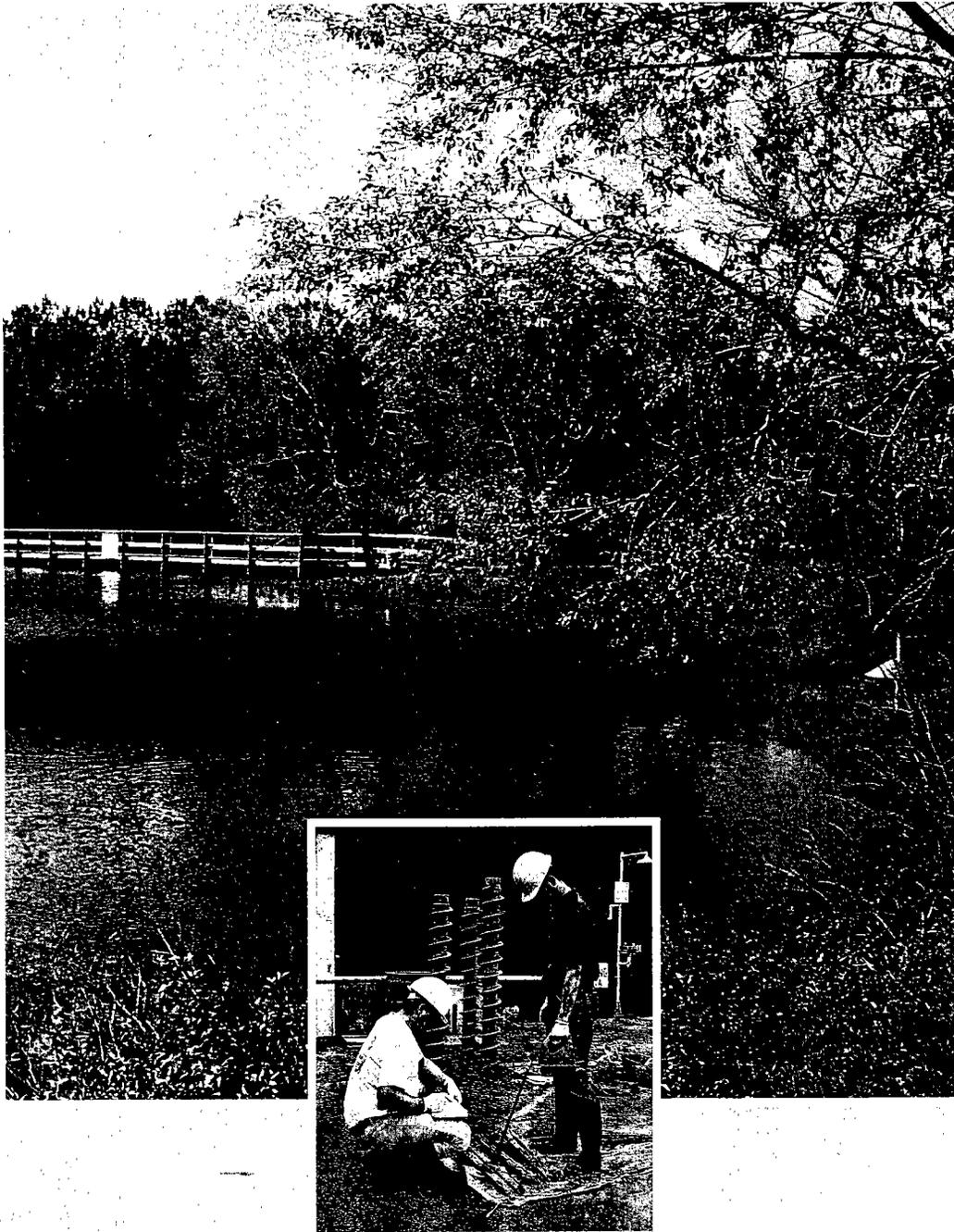


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THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

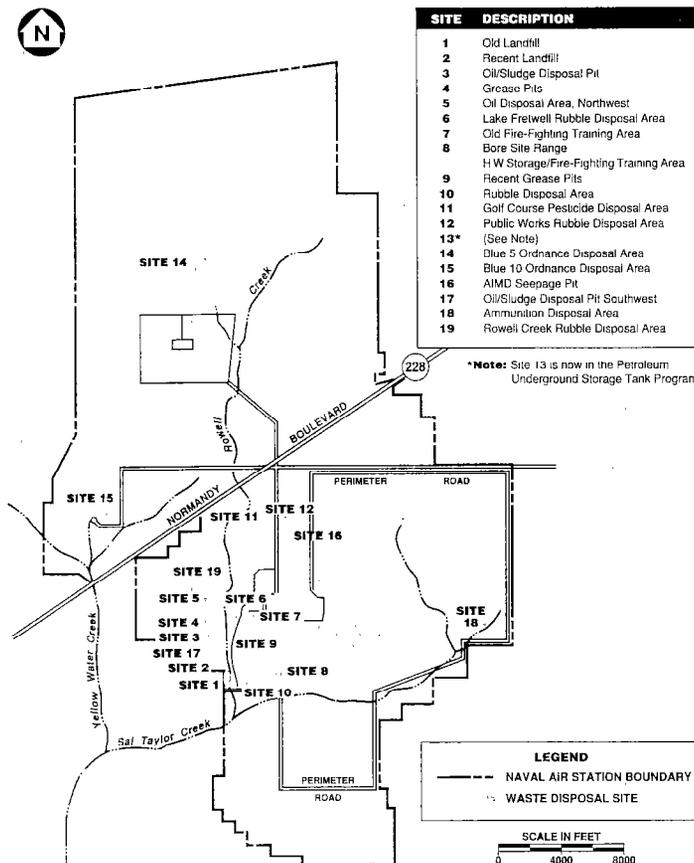
Years before we fully understood the effects on our environment, the Navy, like many businesses and industries, operated landfills or used dump sites on almost all its installations. Wastes from industrial repair and maintenance operations – such as solvents, paint, oils and other industrial chemicals – were managed with the commonly accepted practices of the time.

Because science has shown that these practices have the potential today to present a risk to public health and the environment, we have embarked on a comprehensive program to assess and clean up contaminated areas on NAS Cecil Field.

The Navy's program charged with this important environmental project is the Installation Restoration (IR) Program – restoring the environment by discovering, investigating, characterizing and cleaning up past hazardous waste disposal sites.

This program is governed by a six step process outlined in federal laws. These steps include:

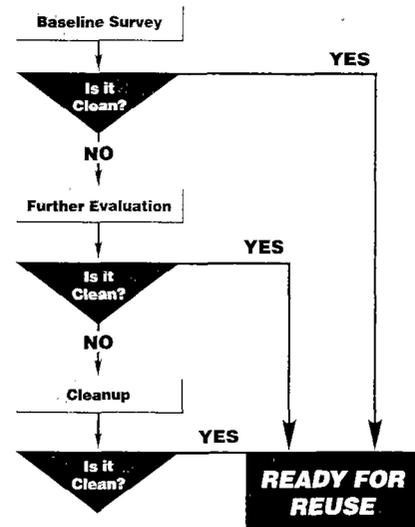
- 1** Identification of past waste disposal sites.
- 2** Preliminary assessment and inspection of the sites.
- 3** Scoring using a Hazard Ranking System to evaluate the type, quantities and risks associated with contamination found at the sites. This process is used to place facilities on the National Priorities List.
- 4** Investigation to determine the type and extent of contamination and evaluation of possible cleanup alternatives.
- 5** Recommendation of the preferred remedy, or cleanup method, and soliciting public comments. Once the decision is made, a Record of Decision documents the cleanup plan.
- 6** The final remedy includes the design of the cleanup plan, conducting the cleanup and monitoring the remedy to ensure that it is maintained and working effectively.



At NAS Cecil Field, 19 areas have been identified for investigation and may require cleanup.

THE BRAC PROGRAM

Naval Air Station Cecil Field was added to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list in 1993 and has become a model for fast-track cleanup activities at closing bases nationwide. The major focus of the BRAC program is the transfer of base property to the public or private use. Before property can be leased or transferred, the environmental conditions must be evaluated. Figure 1 shows the process of determining whether a property can be transferred. The Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) is the first step in this evaluation. The EBS will indicate whether the property is suitable for transfer or lease, or that further investigation is required through the IR Program.



The Property Transfer Process

After BRAC investigations are completed, the parcel of land will either be found suitable for transfer or lease.

THE BRAC CLEANUP TEAM

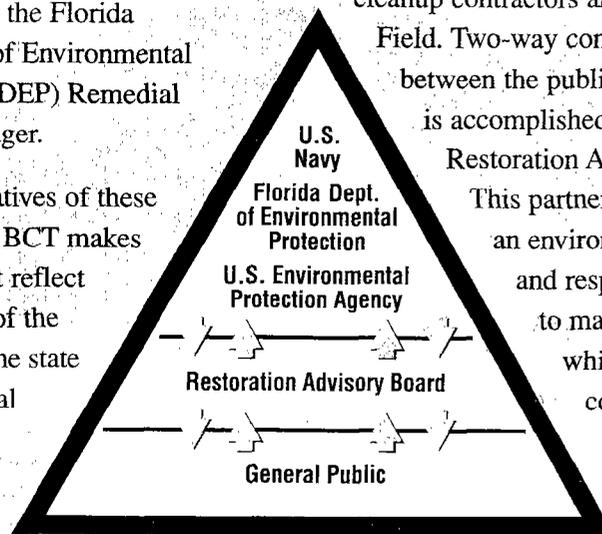
The BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) consists of three members who represent the decision-making team at NAS Cecil Field. They are the U.S. Navy BRAC Environmental Coordinator, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Remedial Project Manager and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Remedial Project Manager.

As representatives of these agencies, the BCT makes decisions that reflect the interests of the community, the state and the federal government. As part of

the President's Fast Track Cleanup initiative, the BCT has the responsibility to speed up environmental cleanup at NAS Cecil Field.

The BCT works in partnership with their environmental consultants, cleanup contractors and NAS Cecil Field. Two-way communication between the public and the BCT is accomplished through the Restoration Advisory Board.

This partnership provides an environment of trust and respect in which to make decisions which support a common goal — environmental restoration.



The Restoration Advisory Board was established in 1994 to provide a forum for community input.

THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

In October 1994, NAS Cecil Field formed the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). This group consists of the community members, the BCT, Navy representatives and regulatory officials who review environmental cleanup plans and actions at NAS Cecil Field.



RAB members reflect diverse interests within the local community, enabling a two-way flow of information, concerns, values and needs between the community and NAS Cecil Field.

The board provides an opportunity for the community to give input into the cleanup program before final cleanup decisions are made.

The RAB is jointly led by a Navy Co-Chair and a Community Co-Chair who ensure that appropriate issues are raised and discussed. The community

is invited to attend monthly RAB meetings. RAB members are eager to make a difference in the base's cleanup efforts and welcome input from the community at these meetings.

"I joined the RAB to offer the experience I've gained through Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., which uses the process of understanding and analyzing community issues and problems to find creative solutions through consensus. I want to use my time, knowledge and energy toward improving our community."

Diane Peterson
Community Co-Chair
NAS Cecil Field RAB

FOR MORE INFO

Point of Contact. We encourage you to become involved in our efforts. For further information or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Public Affairs Officer, NAS Cecil Field, P.O. Box 111, Jacksonville, FL 32215-0111, (904)778-6055.

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