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Studies continue into Whiting Field toxins

Studies into 15 former waste disposal sites at Whiting Field are continuing, with phase one of a proposed two-phase study nearing completion, Navy officials said Monday.

The remedial investigation and feasibility study involves assessing conditions at the sites, sampling groundwater, surface sediment and soil and evaluating remediation methods, the officials said.

A previous assessment identified 18 potential sites, but a follow-up inspection showed three could be removed from the latest study, the officials said.

Whiting's suspected sources of contamination are paints, solvents, degreasers, waste oils and leaded fuel that came into contact with the environment over the years through tank leaks and spills.