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This fact sheet has been developed to inform the public about the Installation Restoration (IR) program at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. The IR program investigates and cleans up areas of contamination from past practices at military installations nationwide. Fact sheets will be produced at program milestones and in response to public interest. Distribution is coordinated through the NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office, (904) 623-7651.

Community Involvement in the Environmental Program



RAB members on a recent site tour

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was established in 1995 to serve as the Installation Restoration (IR) program's bridge between the public and the Navy. RAB members include representatives from the community, the Navy, and State and Federal regulatory agencies.

Since its first meeting in August 1995, the RAB has elected a community co-chair (Mr. Logan Fink), developed a mission statement, and established a

regular meeting schedule. At quarterly meetings, the board is briefed by technical experts on various aspects of the IR program. Briefing topics have included the IR cleanup process, funding, the role of regulatory agencies, human health and ecological risk assessments, and regular fieldwork updates on monitoring well installation, groundwater modeling, and sampling results. The community members relay this information to their community counterparts and in turn bring public concerns to the rest

of the RAB. In this way, the RAB serves as the focal point for dialogue between the Navy and the public.

As a RAB member, I've learned a tremendous amount about the technical side of the cleanup. I also think the questions we ask help focus the investigators on issues that affect the community.

*W. Logan Fink
RAB Community Co-Chair*

By working together to identify and address community concerns early in the cleanup process, the RAB plays an important role in bringing about

a faster, more efficient cleanup. Please see the back page for more information on the RAB.

Investigations Underway at Five New Sites

Field investigations have begun at the five sites most recently added to NAS Whiting Field's Installation Restoration (IR) program. Four of these sites (Sites 35-38 on the Site Status Update table and on Figure 1) were added to the IR program after record searches and interviews with base personnel indicated that activities may have been conducted at these sites that could potentially contaminate groundwater. The investigation currently underway will help determine if these sites are the source(s) of groundwater contamination in a base production well located in the area. The water from this production well, which supplies the base, is treated with a charcoal filter system to remove the contaminants.

To date, field activities at Sites 35-38 have included soil sampling from the land surface to the groundwater table. These samples are being analyzed and results are expected shortly. In addition, 11 groundwater monitoring wells will be installed at the sites, with groundwater sampling planned for spring 1997. Once the results are received for both soil and groundwater samples (typically six weeks from date of collection), investigators will determine if additional investigations and/or cleanup are needed.

The fifth site, Clear Creek Floodplain, is Site 39 on the Site Status Update table. Initial studies in this area indicated potential contamination in the floodplain sediments. Site investigators found three rusted 55-gallon drums of unknown origin in the floodplain. The drums were removed, and soil samples were taken beneath the drums. No contamination was found. More detailed studies will be implemented to determine the nature and extent of the

sediment contamination as well as identify its source.

Field activities in the Clear Creek Floodplain are scheduled to be completed in mid-1997. A report will be prepared detailing their results. Further investigations and cleanup actions will be based on these findings.

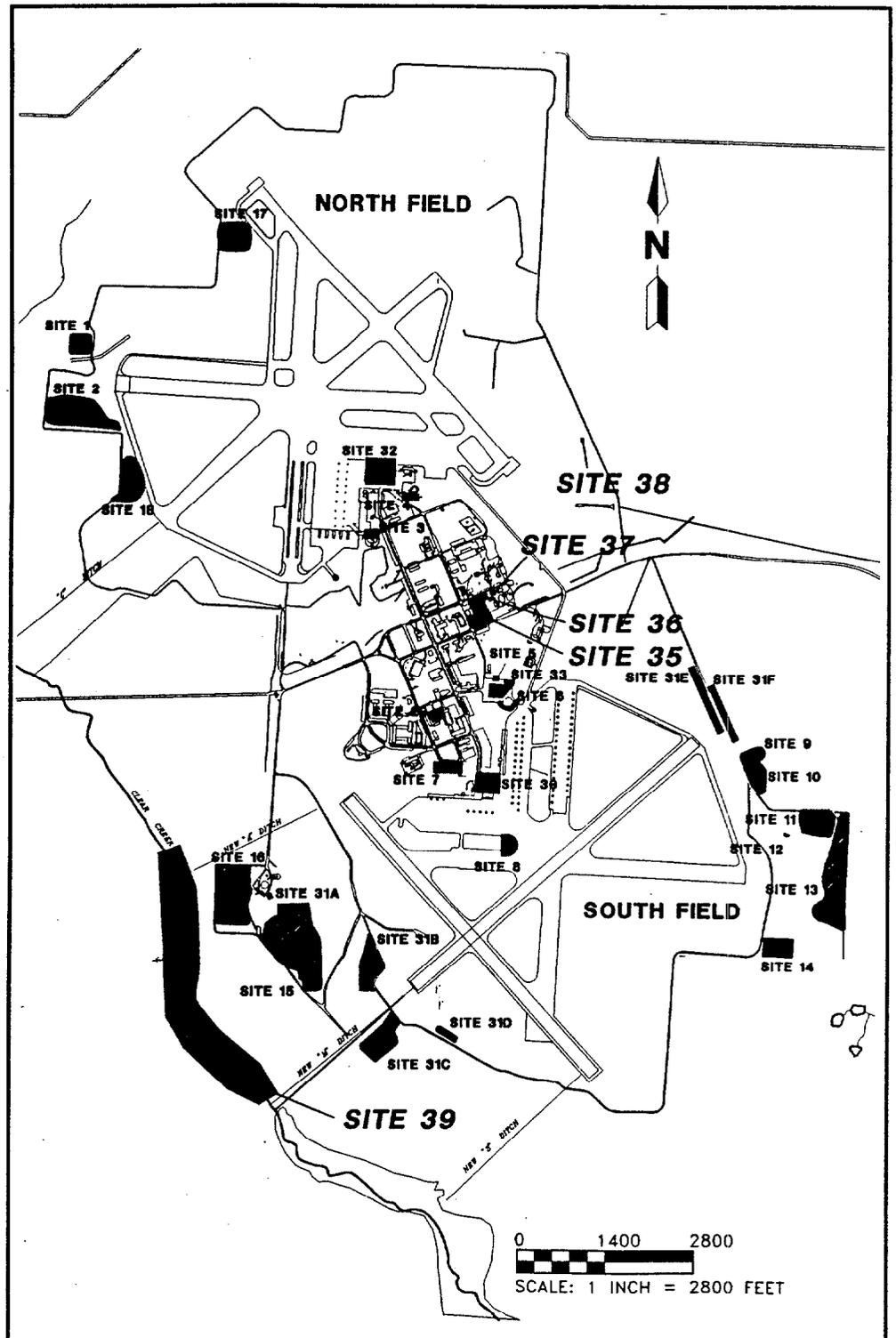


Figure 1. Installation Restoration Site Map

Site No.	Site Name	Material Disposed Of or Released	Investigation Status and Anticipated Schedule
1	Northwest Disposal Area	Refuse, waste paints, thinners, solvents, waste oils, and hydraulic fluids.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
2	Northwest Open Disposal Area	Construction and demolition debris, tires, and furniture.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
3	Underground Waste Solvent Storage	Waste solvents, paint stripping residue, and 120-gallon spill.	Investigations ongoing, completion by late 1998, followed by cleanup.
4	North AVGAS Tank Sludge Disposal Area	Tank bottom sludge containing tetraethyl lead.	Investigations ongoing, completion by late 1998, followed by cleanup.
5	Battery Acid Seepage Pit	Waste electrolyte solution containing heavy metals and waste battery acid.	Soil investigation completed, no further action planned; groundwater investigation ongoing; cleanup funding by mid-1997, cleanup by early 1998.
6	South Transformer Oil Disposal Area	Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-contaminated dielectric fluid.	Investigations ongoing, completion by late 1998, followed by cleanup.
7	South AVGAS Tank Sludge Disposal Area	Tank bottom sludge containing tetraethyl lead.	Investigations ongoing; cleanup funding by mid-1997, cleanup by early 1998.
8	AVGAS Fuel Spill Area	AVGAS containing tetraethyl lead.	No further action required (approved by FDEP).
9	Waste Fuel Disposal Area	Waste AVGAS containing tetraethyl lead.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
10	Southwest Open Disposal Area A	Construction and demolition debris, waste solvents, paint, oils, hydraulic fluid, PCBs, pesticides, and herbicides.	RI report by late 1997; cleanup decision document by mid-1998, cleanup in late 1998.
11	Southwest Open Disposal Area B	Construction and demolition debris, waste solvents, paint, oils, hydraulic fluid, and PCBs.	RI report by late 1997; cleanup decision document by mid-1998, cleanup in late 1998.
12	Tetraethyl Lead Disposal Area	Tank bottom sludge and fuel filters contaminated with tetraethyl lead.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
13	Sanitary Landfill	Refuse, waste solvents, paint, hydraulic fluids, and asbestos.	Investigations ongoing, RI and RA reports underway.
14	Short-Term Sanitary Landfill	Refuse, waste solvents, oils, paint, and hydraulic fluids.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
15	Southwest Landfill	Refuse, waste paints, oils, solvents, thinners, asbestos, and hydraulic fluids.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
16	Open Disposal and Burning Area	Refuse, waste paints, oils, solvents, thinners, PCBs, and hydraulic fluids.	Investigations completed; RI and RA reports underway.
17	Crash Crew Training Area	JP-5 fuel.	Interim cleanup decision document by late 1997, implemented by mid-1998.
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29	Auto Hobby Shop	Auto repair, maintenance, and painting materials.	RI/Fs complete by late 1999; cleanup in early 2000.
30	South Field Maintenance Hangar	Aircraft maintenance materials.	Investigations ongoing; cleanup funding by mid-1997, cleanup by early 1998.
31	Sludge Drying Beds and Disposal Areas	Wastewater treatment sludge.	Initial cleanup in early 1998; detailed investigations complete by mid-1998.
32	North Field Maintenance Hangar	Aircraft maintenance materials.	Investigations ongoing, completion by late 1998, followed by cleanup.
33	Midfield Maintenance Hangar	Aircraft maintenance materials.	Investigations ongoing; cleanup funding by mid-1997, cleanup by early 1998.
35	Public Works Maintenance Facility	Fuel, oil, solvents	Soil sampling completed; groundwater sampling planned for spring 1997
36	Auto Repair Booth	Oil, grease, fuel, solvents	Soil sampling completed; groundwater sampling planned for spring 1997
37	Paint Spray Booth	Paint, solvents	Soil sampling completed; groundwater sampling planned for spring 1997
38	Golf Course Maintenance Building	Solvents, grease, pesticides, metals	Soil sampling completed; groundwater sampling planned for spring 1997
39	Clear Creek Floodplain	Suspected solvents, oil, fuel	Preliminary ecological survey and surface water/sediment sampling complete; additional sediment and groundwater sampling to identify contaminant source underway.

Notes: AVGAS = aviation gas.
FDEP = Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
JP-5 = jet propellant (aviation fuel).

RA = Risk Assessment.
RI/Fs = remedial investigation and feasibility study.

Table 1. Site Status Update

Community and RAB News

The Navy is committed to keeping the channels of communication open and keeping you up to date on our cleanup activities.

Information about the cleanup is readily available to the public in the Information Repository. The Information Repository contains all the public documents related to the cleanup at NAS Whiting Field, including site information, program activities, and investigation results. The Information Repository is located at

**West Florida Regional Library
Milton Branch**
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To receive further information about the environmental cleanup program at NAS Whiting Field, or to be added to the mailing list to receive periodic updates on our environmental program, contact:

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Information about the cleanup program at NAS Whiting Field is also presented in public meetings of the station's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB meets quarterly to discuss the status of cleanup activities, upcoming actions, and other cleanup issues. The meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. Contact Pat Durbin or Logan Fink for more information on joining the RAB and on upcoming RAB meetings.

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