

Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Monthly Status Report-June-July, 2003

Former Navy Property, Western Vieques, Puerto Rico

This report provides the Technical Review Committee (TRC) with a status of ongoing work at the Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (SWMUs and AOCs) on the former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD) property in western Vieques. The following is a summary of the activities completed during June and July 2003, and the activities planned for completion for the next few months:

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

SWMU 4

Brush clearing, geophysical surveying, and anomaly investigation activities were completed for the Phase III field work by June 27, 2003. Approximately 60 acres were investigated during Phase III from February through June 2003.

The scrap metal cleared during these investigations will be transported via private barge to the Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO) at Roosevelt Roads on August 11th.

Draft Final No Further Action (NFA) Report for Nine Sites

The Draft Final NFA Report was submitted to the Navy, EPA, EQB, DOI, and the TRC on May 30. The EQB is expected to plan and execute a public hearing for this document.

A draft Proposed Remedial Action Plan, summarizing the results of the NFA Report has been prepared for EQB review by end of July. Once comments are received, a copy will be provided for public review.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan for SWMU 6, SWMU 7, AOC H, and AOC J

The work plan was revised in July based on comments received from EQB, EPA and DOI. The revised work plan will be submitted to the TRC by the end of July. Field work will begin likely in mid-August. However, the collection of environmental samples will not likely begin until the third week of August.

Remedial Investigation for AOC E

The draft RI report for AOC E is being prepared and planned for a CTC review by end of August. Upon EPA/EQB review, a draft final will be released for TRC and public review later in the year.

Public Information

A Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting was held with members of the community in Vieques at the USFWS office on June 1, 2003. Representatives from LANTDIV, EPA, EQB, DOI, Special Commissioner for Vieques, University of Puerto Rico, CH2M HILL, and the public participated in the meeting. LANTDIV summarized the status of the environmental

projects on the former NASD and the public discussed their concerns and comments on Former NASD issues.

CERCLA Technical Committee (CTC)

A CTC meeting was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on June 2 and 3, 2003. Representatives from LANTDIV, EPA, EQB, DOI, Special Commissioner for Vieques, University of Puerto Rico, Management Edge, and CH2M HILL participated in the meeting. Discussion items included:

- Status of projects, schedules, next meeting dates
- A presentation of how comments from EQB, EPA and DOI were addressed in Draft Final No Further Action Report for Nine Sites at the Former NASD.
- A discussion of how key comments from EQB, EPA and DOI on the RI/FS Work Plan for SWMU 6, 7, AOCs H and J will be addressed in the revised work plan..
- An update of the SWMU 4 UXO Investigation
- An overview of activities for East Vieques; including the Environmental Baseline Survey and Preliminary Range assessment
- A discussion of the CTC going to formal partnering process

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- EQB will conduct a public meeting for the No Further Action Report.
- The RI field work for SWMUs 6, 7 and AOCs J and H will be initiated during August.
- The next TRC meeting will be scheduled for October 2003.