



Environmental Assessment for the Demolition of Tank Farm 1 at Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

The Proposed Action

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Navy is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the demolition of Tank Farm 1 at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Rhode Island.

The Navy proposes to demolish Tank Farm 1 at NAVSTA Newport. Tank Farm 1 has not been in use since 1998. Tank Farm 1 demolition includes six 1.12-million-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs), two 2.56-million-gallon partial USTs, a 1-million-gallon underground water reservoir, fuel and non-potable water lines, valve and pumphouses, piping, and other related infrastructure.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce potential safety hazards and environmental liabilities as well as eliminate maintenance costs associated with Tank Farm 1. The proposed action is needed to comply with Rhode Island UST regulations as well as to conform with Navy policy regarding unused excess facilities.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

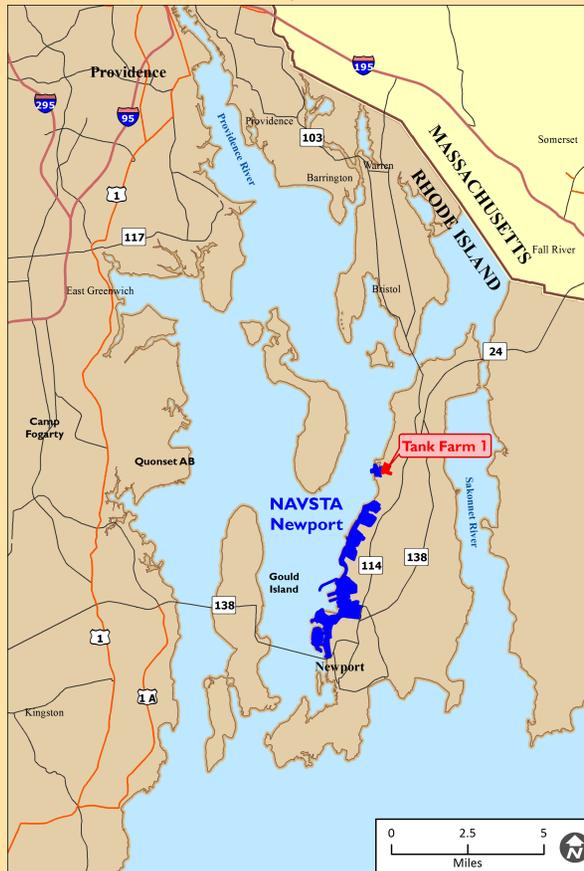
The Navy is considering two alternatives, the Action Alternative (demolition) that meets the purpose and need, and a No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, Tank Farm 1 would not be demolished. No other feasible action alternatives that would satisfy the purpose and need were identified. In order to comply with Rhode Island UST regulations the USTs must be removed (demolished).

Scope of the EA

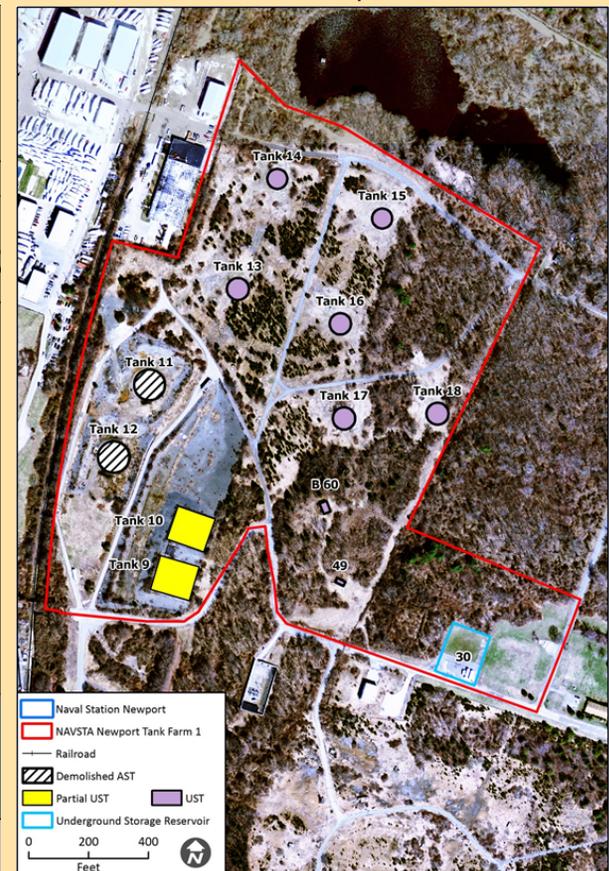
The EA will present the existing conditions at the proposed project site and evaluate the potential consequences of the proposed action on the natural and human environment. The EA will evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action on the following resource areas: cultural, hazardous materials and waste, air and water quality, coastal zone, geology, biological, noise, and transportation.

The Navy will be consulting on the proposed action with key agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer, and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Location of NAVSTA Newport Tank Farm 1



Tank Farm 1 Infrastructure Proposed for Demolition



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