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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Subj: NAVY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM (MRP) GUIDANCE

1. The following provides guidance for inclusion of sites or areas of concern (AOCs) in Navy's Munitions Response Program and supplements previous guidance provided by this office. Cleanup of munitions response sites will be conducted in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP). Other promulgated regulatory regimes such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) may need to be addressed as applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARS) under CERCLA.

2. Installation-wide PAs are being conducted based on sites identified during the 2002 inventory process. As the PAs are being completed, potential new sites discovered during the thorough records review process are being considered AOCs and will be included in the PA. AOCs will be added as sites in the NORM database only when sufficient information determines a release has occurred and the release requires further action. The PA report should provide the findings for all sites and AOCs.

3. The following criteria will be used for inclusion of terrestrial sites or AOCs in the Munitions Response Program:

- a. Former ranges and munitions disposal areas that meet Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) MRP eligibility.
 - i. The release occurred prior to September 30, 2002
 - ii. The site or AOC is **not**:
 1. an operational range
 2. a formerly used defense site (FUDS)
 3. an active munitions demilitarization facility
 4. an active waste military munitions treatment or disposal unit that operated after September 30, 2002
 5. a site that is currently being addressed as part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) in accordance with previous guidance
 6. a result of combat operations

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4. The following criteria will be used for inclusion of water sites or AOCs in the Munitions Response Program:

- a. Shallow water areas where munitions releases are known or suspected to have occurred and where:
 - iii. Navy actions are responsible for the release
 - iv. The release occurred prior to September 30, 2002
 - v. The munitions are covered by water no deeper than 120 feet
 - 1. munitions located in waters between high and low tides will be considered terrestrial
 - vi. The site or AOC is **not**:
 - 1. part of, or associated with, a designated operational range (e.g., terrestrial or water range)
 - 2. a designated water disposal site
 - 3. a FUDS
 - 4. a result of combat operations
 - 5. a maritime wreck
 - 6. an artificial reef

5. This guidance is effective as of the date of its issuance. The CNO point of contact for the MRP is Cindy Turlington. She may be reached at (703) 602-5330 or by email at cynthia.turlington@navy.mil



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