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STUDY OF FORMER WASTE DISPOSAL SITES CONTINUES

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE—The Navy is currently investigating 29 former waste disposal sites at Earle. The purpose of this investigation is to determine the nature and extent of potentially hazardous material contamination associated with past disposal practices of municipal and industrial waste.

These sites, consisting mostly of former landfills, were identified through interviews with current and former employees, as well as site visits and record searches, during a preliminary assessment conducted in 1981.

Although current waste disposal methods are in accordance with environmental protection laws, burial of waste in landfills was a widely accepted disposal method in the past.

All sites are being monitored to eliminate from further consideration those sites that pose no threat to the environment, or to recommend further actions as appropriate.

The public will be kept fully informed concerning ongoing activities. One of the means used to accomplish this is the Technical Review Committee which was established last year. Committee members include representatives from surrounding communities, state and federal environmental officials, county health officials, as well as the Navy. Secondly, a community relations plan is being prepared. This plan will explain in detail the different phases and scheduled activities concerning these sites.

The public is requested to contact Pat Muldrow at 577-2171 with questions and concerns that they would like to see addressed in the plan. In addition, an information repository has been established at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library system in Shrewsbury. This repository contains detailed information concerning the sites. It will be updated as additional information becomes available.

INSTALLATION RESTORATION FACT SHEET

The Department of the Navy is investigating potential problems at Naval Weapons Station Earle associated with past disposal practices of municipal wastes, industrial wastes, and the production of nitrates during the burning of ordnance materials.

Phase one of this investigation, the Preliminary Assessment (PA), began in 1981. Twenty-nine possible contamination sources were identified through record searches, personnel interviews, and site inspections. The purpose of the PA is to evaluate the seriousness of any hazardous substance release (or threat of a release), and to recommend response action, if needed.

These sites are being carefully monitored to determine what, if any, further action should be taken. Thus far, no actual problems have been identified.

The following actions are being taken to keep the public informed about activities concerning these sites:

Interviews have been conducted in the surrounding communities to determine any concerns the public may have regarding these sites.

An information repository has been established at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury.

A mailing list has been established for people who wish to receive periodic updates about these sites.

Anyone wishing to be added to this mailing list, or anyone who has further questions, please call the Naval Weapons Station Public Affairs Office at (201) 577-2171.

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INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM



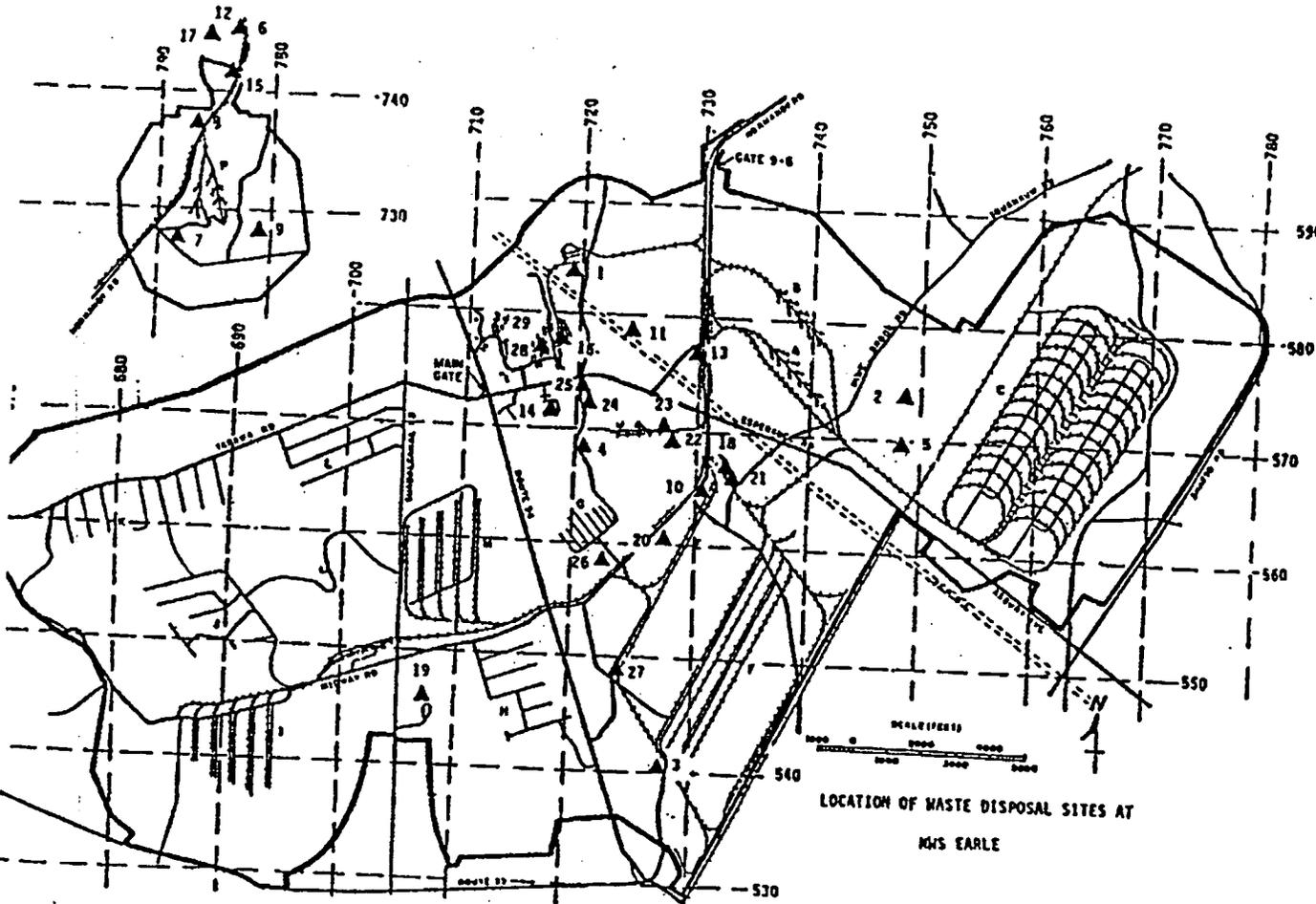
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Waste Disposal Sites

Key to Location Map of Waste Disposal Sites at NWS Earle

Site Number	Site Title	Map Coordinates
1	Ordnance Demilitarization Site, secured	719-584
2	Ordnance Demilitarization Site	748-574
3	Landfill	728-541
4	Landfill	721-567
5	Landfill	749-570
6	Landfill	786-739
7	Landfill	783-728
8	Landfill	785-737
9	Landfill	790-727
10	Scrap Metal Landfill	731-565
11	Ordnance Disposal Area	725-579
12	Battery Acid Spill Site	786-739
13	Defense Property Disposal Yard	730-577
14	Defense Property Disposal Warehouse	718-571
15	Sludge Disposal Site	787-741
16	Fuel Line Connecting Bldg C-19 and C-50	719-577
17	Disposal Site	786-745
18	Demilitarization Furnace	734-567
19	Paint Sludge Disposal Site	707-546
20	Grit Blast Disposal Site	727-561
21	Baghouse and Cyclone Dust Storage Area	734-566
22	Paint Chip Disposal Site	727-569
23	Paint Chip Disposal Site	727-570
24	Closed Pistol Range	721-571
25	Closed Pistol Range	721-572
26	Explosive wash out area	723-559
27	Projectiles Refurbishing Area	725-549
28	Waste Oil Tank	714-577
29	PCB Spill Site	714-577



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