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THE NAVAL WEAPONS STATIONS EARLE  
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY**

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**THE UNITED STATES NAVY**  
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Attn: Mr. Carmen Scaffidi

Dear Mr. Scaffidi

Attached is the Closure Plan application, Closure Plan and a check in the amount of \$730.00 for the closure of four (4) underground storage tanks (USTs) at the Naval Weapons Station Earle in Colts Neck, New Jersey.

The tank removal project will be carried out in conjunction with a natural gas conversion program which is scheduled to take approximately four (4) years. The four (4) tanks referenced here are just phase one with other closures to be filed as the conversion program proceeds. WESTON expects to submit approximately three (3) more Closure Plans to include the other estimated thirty three (33) tanks to be either removed or decommissioned in place.

Should you have any direct questions please call me or David Montanari at (908) 225-3990.

Very Truly Yours,

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George Weiss  
Senior Project Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES  
BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS  
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**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLOSURE PLAN**  
**APPROVAL APPLICATION**

*Under the provisions of the Underground Storage  
of Hazardous Substances Act  
in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9 et seq.*

This application form shall be used by all applicants who plan to close Underground Storage Tank Systems pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9 et seq.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Before completing application form please refer to the attached Application Instruction Sheet.
- Please print legibly or type.
- Fill in all appropriate blanks. This application form requires that additional sheets be attached for some of the information requested. You may call the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks/Tank Management Section (609/984-3156) for assistance.
- Return one original of this form (including all attachments required) and a copy of the complete Standard Reporting Form (SRF) to the address above. You must sign all forms as required and attach a check for the proper fee (see the fee schedule on Page 3). Make check payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey.
- If the subject facility is not registered the Closure Plan will not be approved.
- Please Note: Make sure that all required information on the Standard Reporting Form (SRF) is submitted. The SRF and this Closure Plan Application must be submitted together.

Date of Application 31 MARCH 1993

FACILITY REGISTRATION #  
UST-0151003

I. FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS

Naval Weapons Station Earle

Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722

Telephone No. (908) 577-2515

II. THIS CLOSURE PLAN IS FOR:

A. Substance stored in subject tank(s):

1. Petroleum Products

Indicate Type of Product See Table 1-1 for Summary of Tank Specific Contents & Capacity  
(Write out product name; e.g.)

- a. Gasoline, Jet Fuel, or Kerosene
- b. Heating Oil (#2, 4, 6), or Diesel
- c. Waste Oil (Please indicate total storage capacity of waste oil at the facility [including the tank(s) being closed]) \_\_\_\_\_ gals.

2. Hazardous Substances other than Petroleum Products (Describe)

Indicate Type of Product N/A  
(Write out product name; add sheet if necessary.)

B. Type of Activity: (Circle one)

1. Abandonment of Tank(s)

Attach the closure plan for abandonment, as required by N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.2(b) or 9.3(b), which must contain the following items:

- a. Implementation schedule (3 copies per N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.2(a)3)
- b. Site assessment plan
- c. Tank decommissioning plan
- d. A site map
- e. Attach all justification for abandonment-in-place as required by N.J.A.C. 7:14-9.1(d). Attach the certification statement (on the back page) for abandonment-in-place, if applicable.

2. Removal of Tank(s)

Attach the closure plan for removal as required by N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.2(b) or 9.3(b). The following items must be included:

- a. Implementation schedule (3 copies)
- b. Site assessment plan
- c. Tank decommissioning plan
- d. A site map

3. Temporary Closure

Indicate which situation applies and attach appropriate documentation.

- a. \_\_\_ Temporary closure for 12 months or less is subject to requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.1(a).
- b. \_\_\_ Requesting an extension of temporary closure for more than 12 months per N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.1(b) must perform site assessment and submit results.

4. Change in Service

Attach documentation that the tank system being changed from the storage of a regulated to a non-regulated substance has been emptied and cleaned and that a site assessment has been performed, as required by N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.1(e).

III. FEE SCHEDULE

Check the activities below that apply, calculate the Total Fee and submit that amount with this application. Make checks payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey. Public schools and religious and charitable institutions are exempt from the fees. The owner or operator shall submit a separate fee for each excavation where an activity occurs.

- A. Activities Which Require a Site Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 170.00 X 4 USTs
  - 1. Removal or Abandonment without exemption to site assessment requirement
  - 2. Change in service from a regulated substance to a non-regulated substance
  - 3. Extension of period of Temporary Closure
- B. Activities Not Requiring a Site Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 80.00
  - 1. Removal or abandonment with valid exemption
- C. Additional Activities
  - 1. Change in service from one regulated substance to another regulated substance NO FEE

APPLICATION REVIEW FEE <sup>\$680.00</sup> (activities in A, B, C) + \$ 50.00

**TOTAL FEE DUE** \$ 730.00

IV. THE BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS WILL REVIEW THE CLOSURE PLAN FOR COMPLETENESS AND APPROPRIATENESS AS SPECIFIED IN SUBCHAPTER 9 OF THE UST REGULATIONS. PLAN APPROVAL WILL INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR MAY PROCEED WITH THE CLOSURE. FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE IS NOT IMPLIED. ALL APPROPRIATE AND APPLICABLE PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES FROM ANY LOCAL, STATE AND/OR FEDERAL AGENCIES MUST BE OBTAINED SEPARATELY FROM THIS APPLICATION.

THE SITE ASSESSMENT SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SENT WITH THE APPROVAL TO PROCEED.

**NOTE:** Notice of Approval to Proceed or Disapproval will be mailed to the facility address unless some other address is specified here.

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**SIGNATURE OF CONTACT PERSON**

This application form must be signed by a contact person of the owner or operator of the subject facility. The contact person should have overall knowledge of tank decommissioning procedures and the site assessment requirements applicable to the tank closure which is the subject of this application.

NAME (Print or Type) John Pawlits SIGNATURE *John Pawlits*  
TITLE Environmental Engineer/ofc of Public Works - NWS Earle DATE 31 March 93

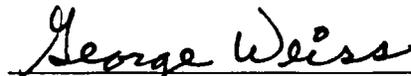
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## SECTION 1.0

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

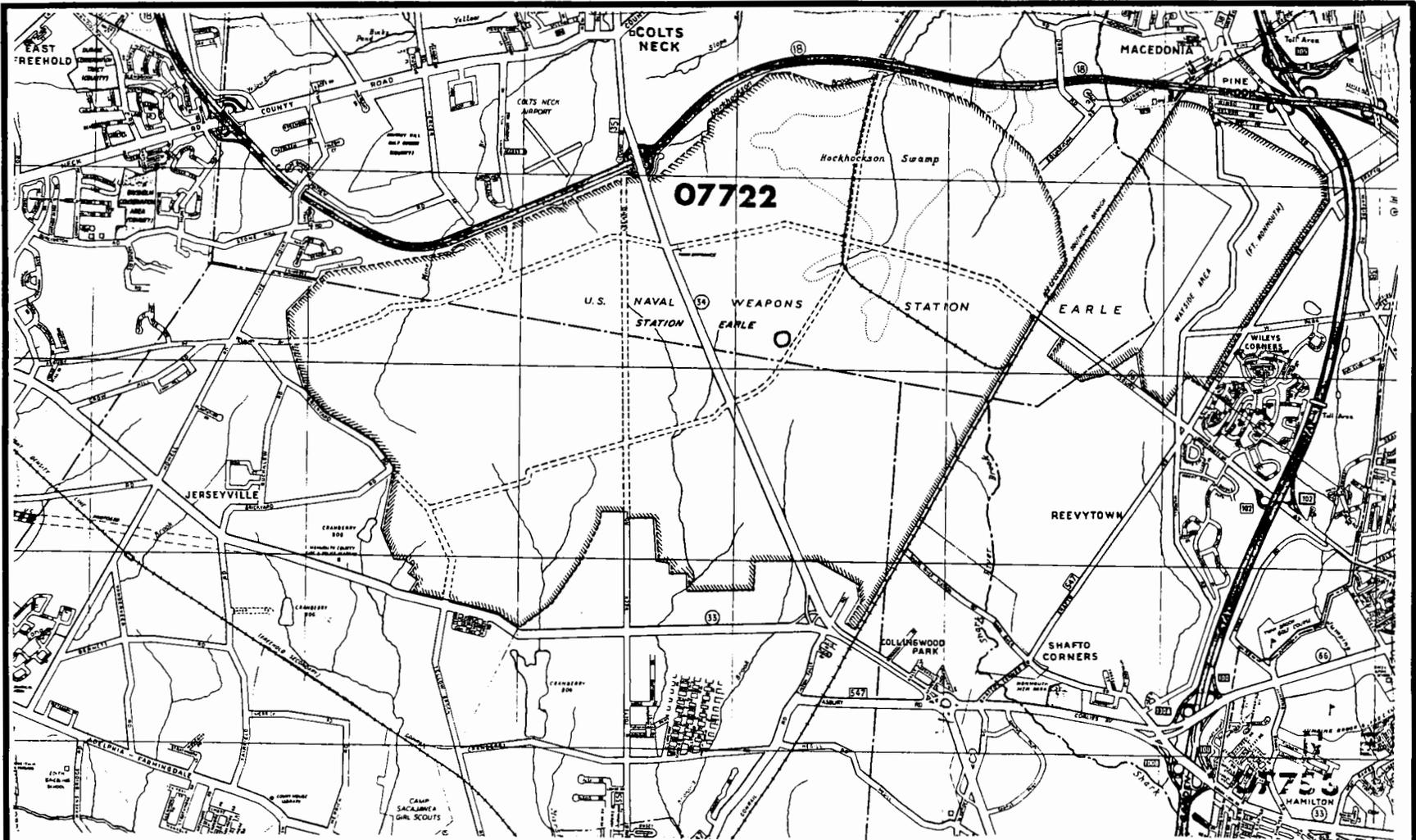
The United States Navy plans to remove thirty-seven (37) underground storage tanks (USTs) from the Naval Weapons Station Earle (NWS-Earle) in Colts Neck, New Jersey. On behalf of the United States Navy, Roy F. Weston, Inc. (WESTON®) has prepared the following tank Closure Plan in accordance with New Jersey regulations promulgated as N.J.A.C. 7:14B-1 et.seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:26E et.seq. (Technical Requirements for Site Remediation) The thirty-seven (37) USTs will be removed in four different time periods or groups. This Closure Plan addresses the first four USTs that belong in Group A. The subsequent groups (B,C &D) Closure Plans will be completed and submitted at a later date.

### 1.2 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND SITE HISTORY

The main section of NWS-Earle is located in Colts Neck, New Jersey and encompasses an area of approximately 9 square miles. This will be referred to as the Inland Area (Figure 1-1). A portion of NWS-Earle is located adjacent to Leonardo, New Jersey. This will be referred to as the Waterfront Area (Figure 1-2). Both locations of NWS-Earle are in Monmouth County, and are connected by a government road approximately 13 miles in length. Two (2) of the tanks addressed in this plan are located in the Inland area facility and two (2) are located in the Waterfront area facility. Both the Waterfront and Inland facilities are currently in operation.

### 1.3 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

The scope of work proposed for the NWS-Earle facility, involve the removal and closure of four (4) USTs. The USTs addressed in this Closure Plan are No. 2 Fuel Oil tanks. The four (4) USTs are located adjacent to buildings C7, C8, R9, and R11. The tank locations relative to the buildings with which they are found are shown in Figures A1 through A4. Buildings C7 and C8 are located in the Inland Area, buildings R9 and R11 are located in the Waterfront Area. Specific information regarding each tank can be found in Table 1-1.



TAKEN FROM HAGSTROM MAP OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

FIGURE 1-1

SITE LOCATION MAP  
INLAND AREA - COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE



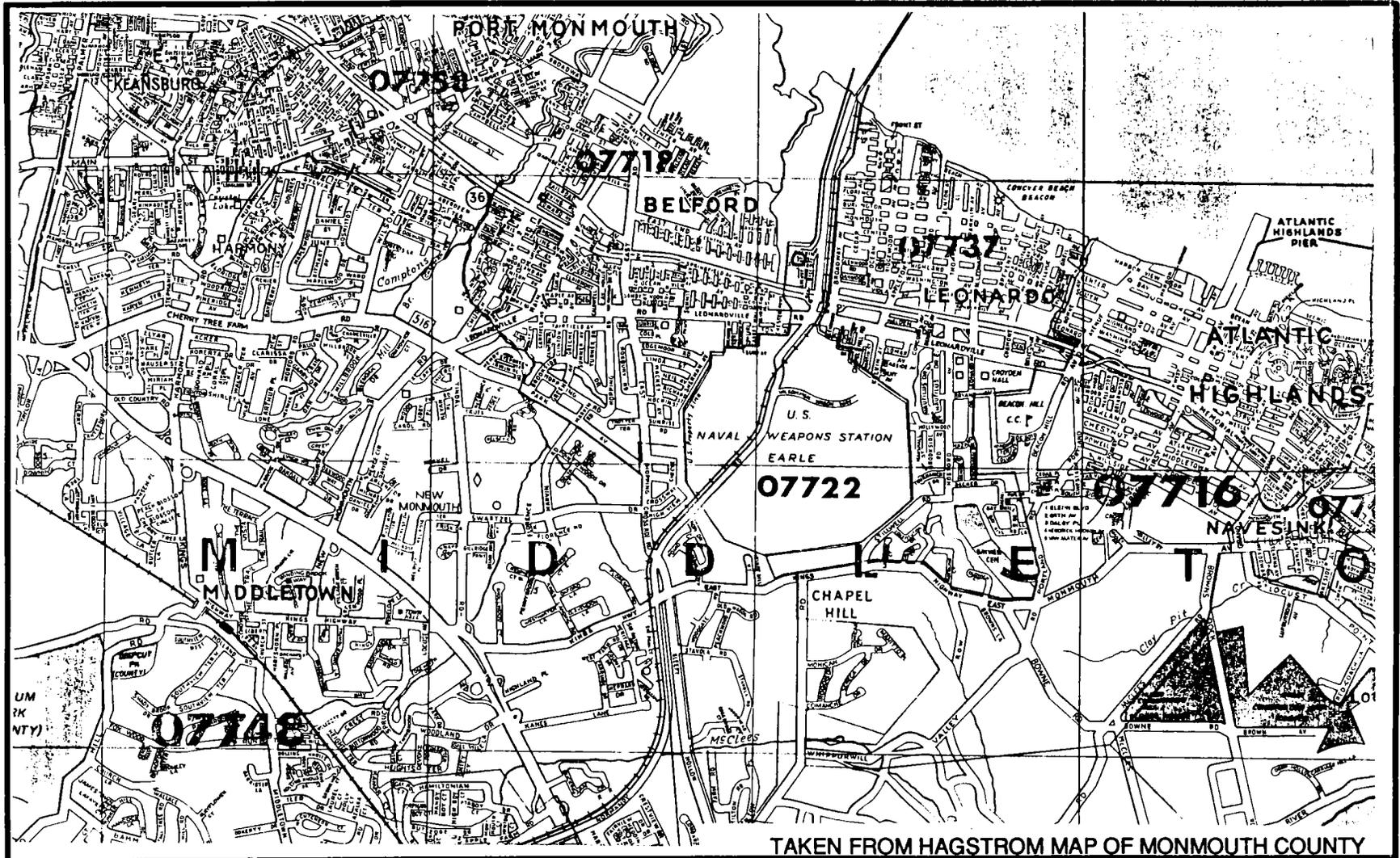


FIGURE 1-2

SITE LOCATION MAP  
 WATERFRONT AREA - LEONARDO, NEW JERSEY  
 NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE



**Figure A-1**  
**Building C7 UST Location Map**  
**Naval Weapons Station Earle**

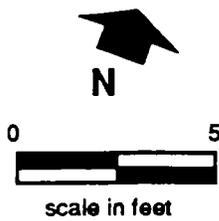
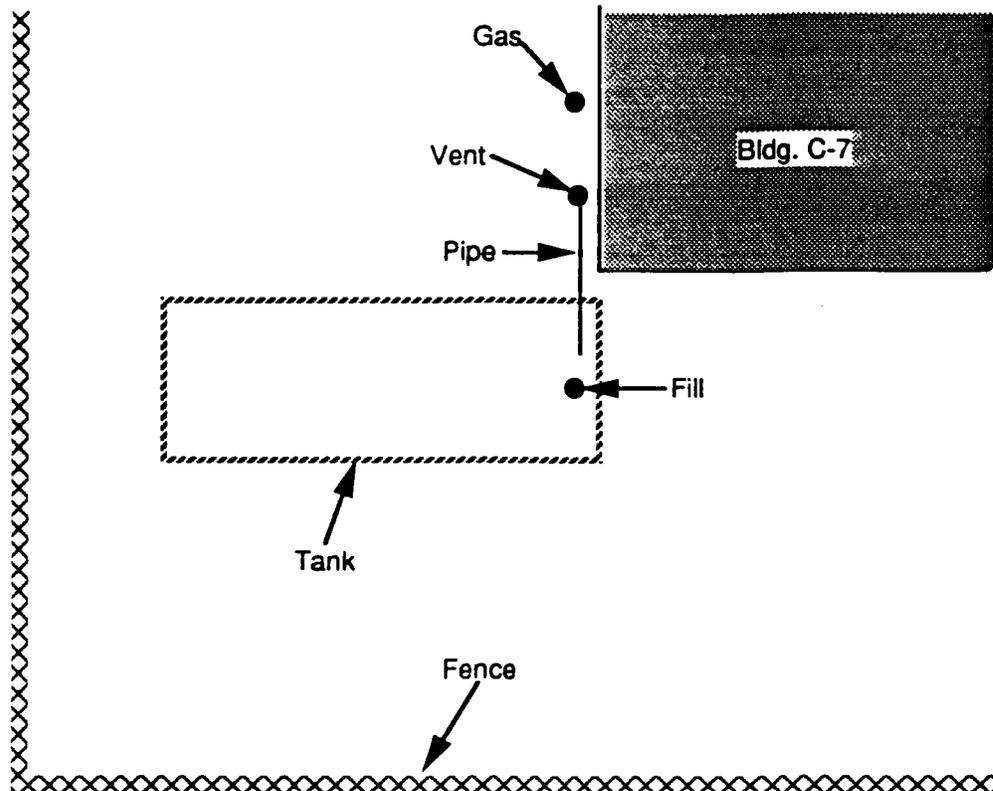


Figure A-2  
Building C8/02 UST Location Map  
Naval Weapons Station Earle

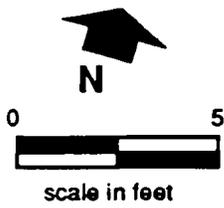
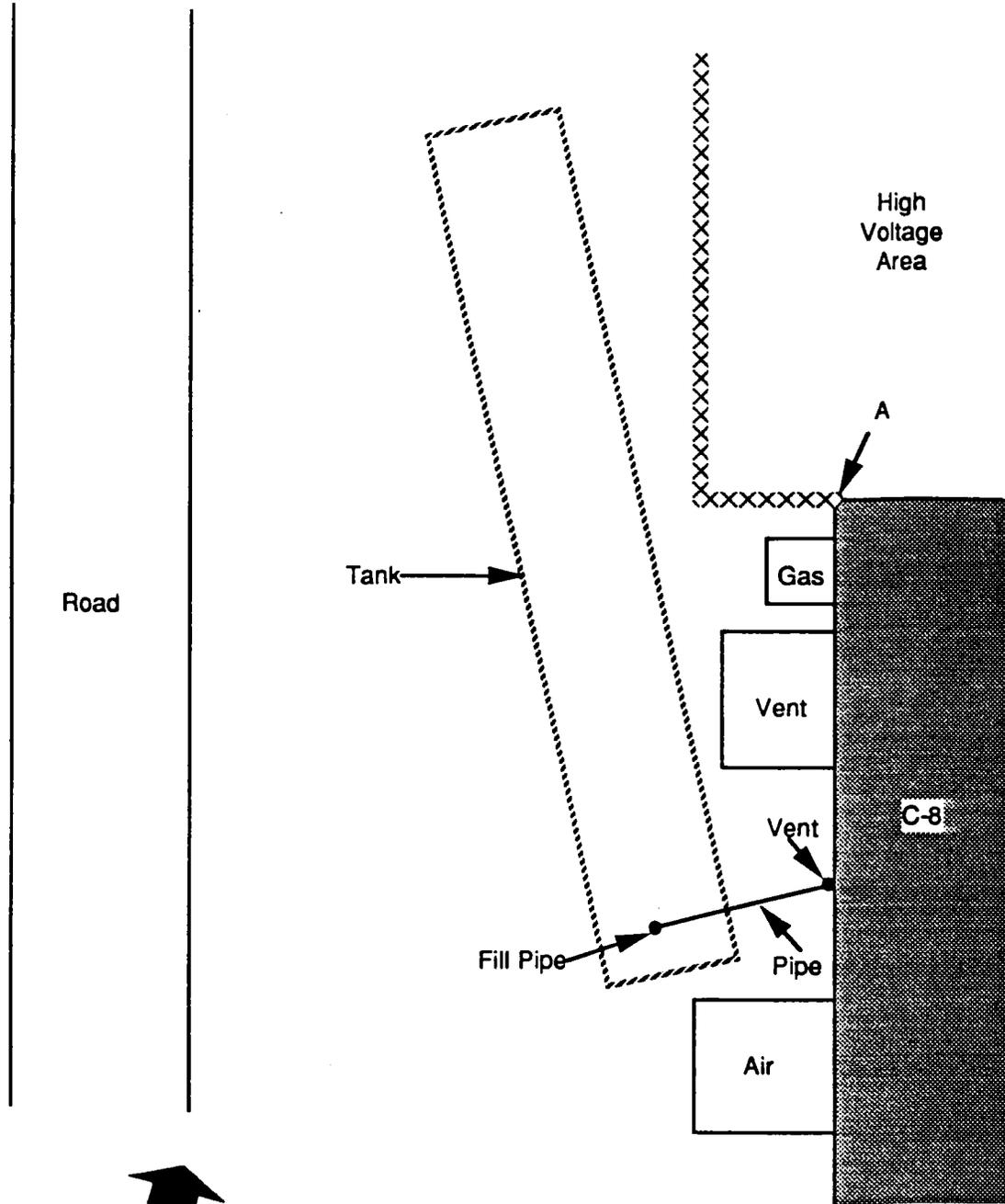


Figure A-3  
Building R9 UST Location Map  
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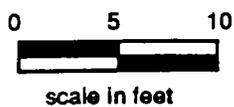
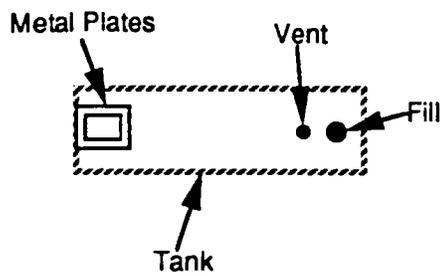
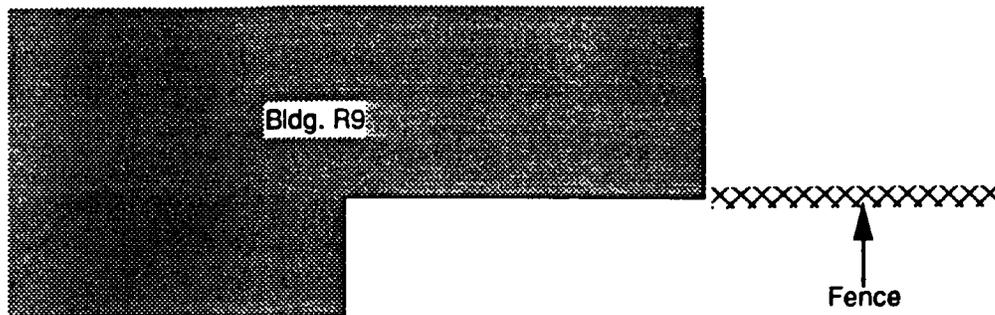
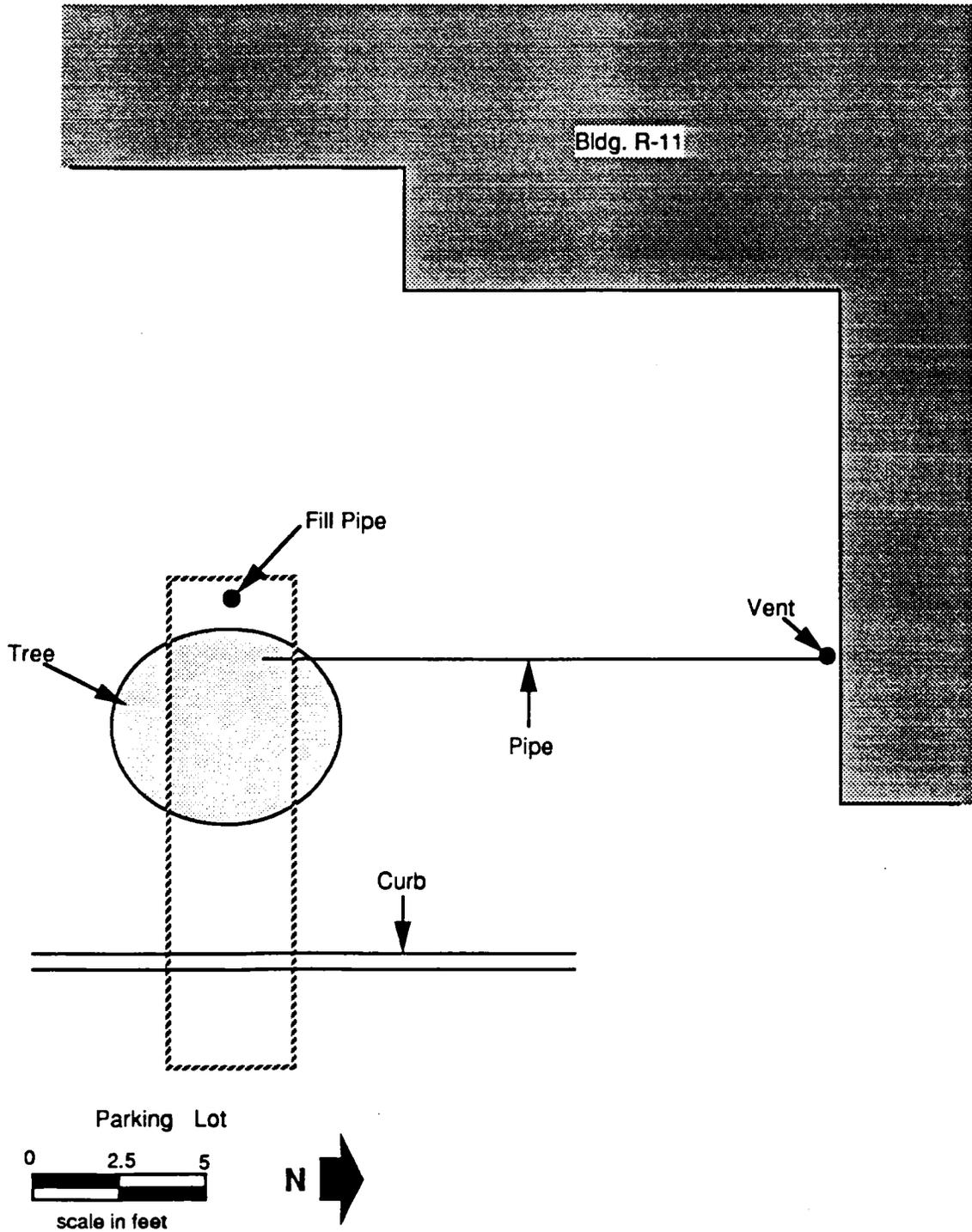


Figure A-4  
Building R11 UST Location Map  
Naval Weapons Station Earle



**Table 1-1  
 Underground Storage Tank List  
 Naval Weapons Station Earle  
 Colts Neck, New Jersey**

	UST Bldg/Tank No.	Age (yrs)	Size (gal)	Tank Material of Construction	State Tank ID#	Last Known Contents	UST Position Building Attachment Figure No.
Group A	C7	18	1000	Coated Steel	0018	No. 2 Fuel Oil	Figure A-1
	C8/02	28	5000	Coated Steel	C8/02	No. 2 Fuel Oil	Figure A-2
	R9	37	9000	Coated Steel	R9/01	No. 2 Fuel Oil	Figure A-3
	R11	27	5000	Coated Steel	R11/1	No. 2 Fuel Oil	Figure A-4



## SECTION 2.0

### TANK CLOSURE PROCEDURES

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The closure of the underground storage tanks will involve excavation, cleaning, and removal. This section describes these activities as referenced in the American Petroleum Institute (API) Publications 2015 (Cleaning Petroleum Storage Tanks) and 1604 (Removal and Disposal of Used Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks). These documents in addition to N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9, the "Interim Closure Requirements for Underground Storage Tank Systems", the "Investigation and Corrective Action Requirements for Discharges from Underground Storage Tanks and Piping Systems", and N.J.A.C. 7:26E et.seq. (Technical Requirements for Site Remediation) will be used as guidelines. This plan summarizes procedures to be conducted on-site during the UST closure activities.

#### 2.2 SITE PREPARATION

The following activities will be performed prior to actual tank removal:

1. Notify NJDEPE-BUST representatives of the expected start and finish dates for the closure of each individual storage tank, after receipt of the Closure Plan approval from BUST.
2. Obtain all applicable permits from local and state authorities. Notify local fire department of schedule of activities.
  - Excavation Permit from NWS-Earle Department of Public Works.
  - Hot Work Permit from the NWS-Earle Fire Inspector,
3. Inspect existing adjacent construction and structures to determine physical condition. A New Jersey licensed Professional Engineer will determine any structural limitations associated with the tank removals.
4. Perform utilities search followed by an inspection to ensure that no underground power lines or other utilities are connected to or in close proximity to the UST. Preliminary GPR surveys have been conducted to determine the individual tank positions.
5. Designate staging areas for concrete, encasement materials, soils, and tank decontamination liquids.



### **2.3 AIR MONITORING**

Continuous air monitoring will be conducted when tank cleaning and removal work is taking place. These measurements will be used to adjust work procedures, environment, or protective equipment to assure the work area is protected against fire and explosion, and health and safety hazards.

Fire and explosion hazards associated with the closure and removal of USTs will be monitored by using a Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI). The CGI will be used to measure the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of a known material. LEL levels will be monitored and recorded in and around each tank prior to any excavation, cleaning, moving, or cutting of the tank. LEL levels will be monitored during any entry and cutting work activities. Atmospheres containing a vapor concentration of less than or equal to ten percent of the LEL will be considered protected against fire or explosion. Health and safety hazards in the ambient air, or breathing zone, in the area of each UST work area, will be monitored for volatile organic vapors with either an Organic Vapor Analyzer (OVA) or HNu Photoionization Detector (HNu) with a 10.2 eV probe and for oxygen content using an oxygen meter. Monitoring will occur during all excavation, cleaning, and removal activities of each tank. The OVA or HNu will be used to identify the presence and relative concentration of volatile organic vapors potentially present in the work zone. The oxygen meter will be used to determine that the atmosphere contains greater than or equal to 19.5% oxygen. Personnel in atmospheres containing less than 19.5% oxygen will be supplied with air respiratory protection.

Other air monitoring methods, such as Colorimetric Indicating Tubes, may be used to determine vapor concentrations of specific compounds. Use of this monitoring is at the discretion of the Site Health and Safety representative.

All air monitoring instruments will be calibrated daily as per manufacturer's recommendations and procedures. Records of all calibrations and daily maintenance checks will be recorded on health and safety forms and entered into the permanently bound field logbook. Table 2-1 summarizes the application, detection method, and care and maintenance of these instruments.

### **2.4 TANK EXCAVATION**

Prior to excavation, the UST will be rendered vapor free in accordance with API recommended procedures and other applicable fire regulations. Excavation of the tank will proceed after air monitoring indicates a safe vapor concentration has been achieved.

Enough soil will be excavated to expose the top of the UST. Daily security measures will include highly visible fencing and banner tape to mark off the areas of excavation. All nonessential personnel will be excluded from the work area during this work.

The next step will involve removing all fill tubes and disconnecting all fill gauges and vent lines. Piping removal and disconnection will be conducted in a manner that assures fluids will chain



into the USTs. Open ends of all lines not to be used further will be capped or plugged. At this point, the tank is prepared for cleaning which is described in Section 2.5.

## **2.5 TANK CLEANING**

Tank cleaning will begin after the tank has been emptied and rendered vapor free and access is provided. If manholes are found on the top of the tank, they will be used for entry. If manholes are not found, an entry hole will be cut in the top of the tank using an appropriate cutting method. If required, the tank interior will be inerted in accordance with API procedures using carbon dioxide, nitrogen, or another inert gas in order to create an oxygen deficient atmosphere inside the tank. After all cutting procedures are completed, the tank will be rendered vapor free in accordance with API procedures.

Personnel will enter the tank, if necessary, wearing Level B respiratory protection and appropriate personal protective equipment (as specified in the contractor-prepared HASP {Section 5.0}), escape pack, and safety harness. The tank's atmosphere will be checked as stated in Section 2.3 prior to tank entry. There will be another individual outside of the tank to monitor air bottles or air lines as well as LEL levels inside the tank. Tank entries will be performed in accordance with the conditions of the Health and Safety Plan and required Confined Space Entry Permit.

The tank interior will be cleaned by wiping down the side walls and tank ends (if necessary). Fluid or soil materials remaining will be removed by shoveling, vacuum truck or pumping to 55 gallon drums. All residues generated during cleaning will be handled and disposed of as described in Section 4.0. Drums will be staged on an impermeable surface in the drum storage area. They will be clearly marked indicating contents and date containers were filled.

## **2.6 TANK REMOVAL**

After the tank has been cleaned in place, all tank openings will be temporarily plugged before further excavation. All excavated soils will be handled in accordance with procedures given in Section 4.0. Once the excavation is completed, the tank tie-down straps (if present) will be cut and the tank will be removed from excavation.

The condition of the tank will be observed and recorded. Subsequently, the excavation will be examined for evidence of product release. If evidence of a product release is noted, the NJDEPE will immediately be notified using the Environmental Action Hotline at (609) 292-7172. The soils in the excavation will be screened using the methods outlined in Section 3.0.

The UST removed from the excavation will be blocked at all times to prevent movement. The tank will be labelled to identify its site of origin, ultimate destination site, and the substance(s) that were stored during its use. The ends of each tank will be cut open to render the tanks as unusable. The tank will be rendered vapor free or inert as per API procedures before it is cut or perforated.



**TABLE 2-1**  
**DIRECT READING INSTRUMENTS FOR SITE ASSESSMENT**

COMBUSTIBLE GAS INDICATOR (CGI)

Hazard Monitored:	Combustible gases and vapors.
Application:	Measures the concentration of a combustible gas or vapor.
Detection Method:	A filament, usually made of platinum, is heated by burning the combustible gas or vapor. The increase in heat is measured. Gases and vapors are ionized in a flame. A current is produced in proportion to the number of carbon atoms present.
General Care/Maintenance:	Recharge or replace battery. Calibrate immediately before use. The CGI is not designed for use in O <sub>2</sub> deficient atmospheres containing less than 19.5% O <sub>2</sub> .
Typical Operating Time:	Can be used for as long as the battery lasts, or for the recommended interval between calibrations, whichever is less.

FLAME IONIZATION DETECTOR (FID) WITH GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY OPTION

Example:	Foxboro OVA
Hazard Monitored:	Many organic gases and vapors.
Application:	In survey mode, detects the concentration of many organic gases and vapors. In gas chromatography (GC) mode, identifies and measures specific compounds. In survey mode, all the organic compounds are ionized and detected at the same time. In GC mode, volatile species are separated.
General Care/Maintenance:	Recharge or replace battery. Monitor fuel and/or combustion air supply gauges. Perform routine maintenance as described in the manual. Check for leaks.
Typical Operating Time:	Eight hours, three hours with strip chart recorder.

ULTRAVIOLET (UV) PHOTOIONIZATION DETECTOR (PID)

Example:	HNu
Hazard Monitored:	Many organic and some inorganic gases and vapors.
Application:	Detects total concentration of many organic and some inorganic gases and vapors. Some identification of compounds are possible if more than one probe is measured.
Detection Method:	Ionizes molecules using UV radiation; produces a current that is proportional to the number of ions.



**TABLE 2-1  
DIRECT READING INSTRUMENTS FOR SITE ASSESSMENT  
(CONTINUED)**

General Care/Maintenance: Recharge or replace battery. Regularly clean lamp window. Regularly clean and maintain the instrument and accessories.

Typical Operating Time: Ten hours, five hours with strip chart recorder.

**DIRECT READING COLORIMETRIC INDICATING TUBE**

Hazard Measured: Specific gas and vapors.

Application: Measures concentration of specific gases and vapors.

Detection Method: The compound reacts with the indicator chemical in the tube, producing a stain whose length or color change is proportional to the compound's concentration.

General Care/Maintenance: Do not use a previously opened tube even if the indicator chemical is not stained. Check pump for leaks before and after use. Refrigerate before use to maintain a shelf life of about two years. Check expiration date of tubes. Calibrate pump volume at least quarterly. Avoid rough handling which may cause channeling.

**OXYGEN METER**

Hazard Monitored: Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)

Application: Measured the percentage of O<sub>2</sub> in the air.

Detection Method: Uses an electrochemical sensor to measure the partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> in the air, and converts that reading to O<sub>2</sub> concentration.

General Care/Maintenance: Replace detector cell according to manufacturer's recommendations. Recharge or replace batteries prior to expiration of the specified interval. If the ambient air is more than 0.5% CO<sub>2</sub>, replace the detector cell frequently. Lead in the form of tetraethyl lead, used in leaded gasoline, can foul the detector cell and make the oxygen meter inoperable.



## SECTION 3.0

### SITE ASSESSMENT

#### **3.1 SITE ASSESSMENT**

As required by N.J.A.C. 7:14B-9.2, 40 CFR 280.72 and N.J.A.C. 7:26E et.seq. (Technical Requirements for Site Remediation), a site assessment will be conducted. The site assessment will consist of visual inspection of the condition of the tank and surrounding soils, field tests on excavated soils, air monitoring screening of excavated and in-place soils, and collection of soil samples for subsequent laboratory analyses.

#### **3.2 ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR THE TANK CLOSURE**

##### **3.2.1 Visual Inspection**

During the tank removal, soils will be examined for discoloration and staining from possible releases. Areas of staining or discoloration will be further evaluated for the presence of contamination using field screening techniques described below.

All stained or discolored soils removed from the excavation will be segregated from other soils free of visual indications of contamination. These soils will be sampled to confirm if contamination exists and to determine disposal characteristics.

##### **3.2.2 NJDEPE Approved Field Test Methods**

Two (2) NJDEPE approved methods of evaluating soils for free product content are the Soil/Water Agitation Test and Field Sorption Test. Both methods are described below.

##### **Soil/Water Agitation Test Method**

A clear jar is partially filled with a sample of the soil. Sufficient water is added to saturate the soil and bring the water to about 1 cm above the soil surface. The jar is sealed and the sample is agitated by shaking. The jar is then opened to check for the presence of a sheen on the water surface. If a sheen is present, the soils have been contaminated by free product. If no sheen is present, the soils are either contaminated with dissolved product or are free of contamination. The presence of a sheen should be checked under various lighting conditions and backgrounds since these factors will affect the visibility of the sheen. Obviously, this method should only be used with products that exhibit visible sheens in water. This method should be supplemented with the Field Sorption Test Method described below.



### Field Sorption Test Method

This method is used to absorb free product from contaminated soils. A sample of the soil is pressed against a brown paper bag for about 10 seconds. Soils contaminated by free product will cause a "greasy" staining of the bag. The stain is more pronounced with fuel oils than for gasoline. Due to rapid evaporation of gasoline, the observer must check for evidence of staining from gasoline quickly before it volatilizes from the paper. Interference from soil moisture may result in water transfer to the bag but generally the water does not spread on the bag as does fuel oil or gasoline. This method should be supplemented with the Soil/Water Agitation Method described previously.

### **3.2.3 Screening with Air Monitoring Instruments**

Air monitoring instruments such as an OVA or HNu are useful for screening soils for possible presence of contamination. Even when staining/discoloration is not present and field tests are negative, product vapors may still be present to indicate dissolved product contamination. Because of the instrument's high sensitivity to organic vapors, they may be used to assist field testing procedures and to direct additional excavation of possibly contaminated soils.

The excavation floor and walls will be screened with air monitoring instruments after all potentially further contaminated soils have been removed. This screening will be used to identify and guide post excavation soil sampling. All screening results from air monitoring instruments will be documented and reported as part of a final Closure Report.

### **3.2.4 Soil Sampling**

A total of twenty-three (23) soil samples will be collected from the four excavations following removal of the tanks. Each tank will result in one excavation. Additional samples may also be collected if piping exceeds 15 feet in length. It is estimated that this will result in the collection of one additional soil sample for three of the four UST systems. Five (5) samples will be collected from underneath each excavated UST and analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). If TPH concentrations exceed 1,000 ppm, samples will be analyzed for the presence of volatile organics (VO) plus the ten highest peaks. Additional samples may be collected depending on the size of the excavation after removal of all potentially contaminated soil. Additionally, one field blank will be collected for VO analysis at each location. Field blank analysis will only be performed if VO analysis is performed on the soil.

Soil samples will be obtained from the excavation by the use of decontaminated sampling equipment. Sampling equipment may include hand augers, steel trowels, scoops and scoopulas. Each piece of sampling equipment will be decontaminated prior to use at each new sample location and/or prior to sampling the designated soil strata. All sampling equipment will be constructed of stainless steel.

Sample locations will be located zero to six inches below the bottom of each tank the midline of the tank outline, except at least two (2) of the samples will be collected at locations with the two highest air monitoring readings. If groundwater is encountered in the excavation, then



samples will be collected along the sidewall of the excavation, approximately six inches above the water level.

### **3.2.5 Groundwater Monitoring**

The installation of monitor wells and the implementation of a groundwater monitoring program will depend on sample results and field observations conducted during the removal of the USTs. If sample results, soil screening or visual observations indicate the presence of contamination at concentrations exceeding proposed NJDEPE cleanup standards, one monitoring well will be installed within the applicable excavation. The installation of groundwater monitoring wells will be effected under this contract or by separate procurement.

## **3.3 SAMPLING EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

### **3.3.1 Sampling Equipment Decontamination**

All reusable sampling equipment, except heavy machinery and submersible pumps, will be decontaminated according to the following procedure:

1. Non-phosphate detergent plus tap water wash.
2. Tap water rinse.
3. Distilled/deionized water rinse.
4. Total air dry.

All decontaminated sampling equipment will be stored and handled in a manner to prevent contamination. Information concerning the decontamination methodology, date, time, and personnel will be recorded in the field logbook.

### **3.3.2 Sample Documentation**

During sampling, all activities will be recorded in a logbook to provide an accurate record of the sampling event and the procedures followed. Entries made by sampling personnel in the logbook include:

- Date/Time/Weather
- Sampler/Geologist/Soil Scientist Names
- Building/Tank Number
- Sample Point Identification (including location, matrix and sample depth)
- Sketch Showing the Sampling Point Location (including reference distance)
- Soil Profile
- Sample Size
- Sampling Equipment Used
- Field Measures (where appropriate)
- General Comments (e.g., odor, staining, etc.)



The field crew will also label each sample container with the appropriate information necessary to identify the sample as listed below:

- Unique Sample Identification Number
- Date
- Time of Sampling
- Name
- Preservation
- Analyses

This information is then supplemented and cross references on a Chain-of-Custody form which provides documentation of the handling of each sample from the time it is collected until it is relinquished to the laboratory.

A Chain-of-Custody form containing the information listed below is filled out by the field crew and signed by the sampler and all personnel handling the sample(s) before the sample(s) is/are relinquished to the laboratory. The Chain-of-Custody form should contain the following information:

- Project Name
- Date
- Sampler's Initials
- Sample Identification Number
- Time of Sample Collection
- Name/Description of Sample (Analytical Parameters)
- Building/Tank Number
- Preservation
- Number of Containers
- Holding Conditions and Locations
- Signature of all Handlers and Date and Time of Transfers
- Organization or Affiliation of all Handlers and Reason for Transfer

All samples will be preserved at the time of collection and packaged in coolers of sufficient size to hold all containers, ice, and packaging material to prevent breakage.

At the laboratory, receipt of samples is recorded on the Chain-of-Custody form by laboratory personnel. The original or a copy of the form is returned to the shipper. The Chain-of-Custody record is checked by laboratory personnel against the information regarding the analysis requested. If any discrepancies are discovered, they are resolved with the person requesting the analysis and recorded to provide a permanent record of the event.

All samples will be analyzed at Laboratory Resources' New Jersey certified laboratory located in Teterboro, New York. Analytical reports will be assembled in a NJDEPE Tier II format (reduced non-CLP).

**Table 3-1  
Sampling and Analytical Requirements  
Naval Weapons Station Earle  
Colts Neck, New Jersey**

	UST System	Size (gal)	Last Known Contents	Sampling and Analytical Requirements		
				Number of Pipe Samples	Number of Post Excavation Samples	Soil Analytes
Group A	C7	1000	No. 2 Fuel Oil	1	5	TPHC*
	C8/02	5000	No. 2 Fuel Oil	1	5	TPHC*
	R9	9000	No. 2 Fuel Oil	None Planned	5	
	R11	5000	No. 2 Fuel Oil	1	5	TPHC*

\* Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon analysis of soil using EPA Method 418, modified for soils.

VO +10 analysis required if TPHC level in soil exceeds 1000 ppm.

\*\*\* Frequency of samples interpolated from estimations of excavation limits.



## SECTION 4.0

### WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### **4.1 WASTES TO BE GENERATED**

Several types of materials may be generated during tank closure. They include product contaminated soil, tank encasement material, concrete curbing, pads, tank decontamination waters, and underground storage tank and piping.

#### **4.2 SITE PREPARATION**

In preparation for tank closure work, areas will be designated for the segregation and storage of excavated materials. Several areas will be designated for segregation of non-contaminated concrete, asphalt, and soil; contaminated concrete, encasement material, and soil; and liquids generated from tank closure activities. These areas will be located with the possibility that storage of the materials may be necessary for 60 to 90 days.

##### **4.2.1 Staging Area**

All closure generated materials, except drummed liquids and the tank system (e.g., concrete, encasement material, soil, etc.), will be stored in a staging area. The staging area shall be constructed with a polyethylene membrane liner. If more than one piece of polyethylene sheet is required for the impoundment, then the seams shall be jointed using 8-inch lap joint sealed with a double layer of waterproof tape.

Closure generated materials stored in the staging areas will be covered with a polyethylene sheet barrier. The top membrane will be weighted down to protect against the weather. The staging area's condition will be inspected regularly.

##### **4.2.2 Drum Storage Area**

All liquids generated from closure of tanks will be stored in a vacuum truck or containerized in USDOT-approved, 55-gallon steel drums. Each drum will be labelled properly, including contents and date generated. Drums will be placed on polyethylene sheeting and will be covered with a clear polyethylene sheet barrier membrane. Covering the drums' tops will protect the drum heads from rusting.

##### **4.2.3 Tank Storage Area**

The tank will be stored on a level impermeable surface after it is removed from the excavation. Wooden blocks will be used to prevent movement while being stored. Excavated tanks will be covered with plastic sheeting and wrapped with warning tape until disposal.

## **4.3 WASTE DISPOSAL**

### **4.3.1 Excavated Fill**

Excavated fill is material removed from the excavation during tank closure that is not visibly stained or not likely contaminated based on site assessment findings. This material will be stored separately from materials suspected to be contaminated. This material will be screened with either a HNu or OVA meter following NJDEPE soil screening procedures. Only those materials that do not exhibit measurements above background air monitoring levels will be considered for this pile. After all excavation and removal work is completed, these materials will be returned back to the excavation.

### **4.3.2 Contaminated Soil and Tank Encasement Material**

All soils identified as visibly stained or as contaminated with free product will be stored in a separate staging area as described in Section 4.2.1. Also, tank encasement material will be stored in a similar fashion. Representative samples will be collected from each pile and will be analyzed for parameters designated in Table 4-1. Collecting extra samples or testing for additional parameters may be warranted based on requirements of anticipated disposal methods to be used. Consultation with disposal facilities will be conducted if necessary to determine their specific requirements. Additional laboratory analyses other than those indicated in Table 4-1 and submissions to treatment or disposal facilities and regulatory agencies may be required to classify soils.

### **4.3.3 Other Excavated Materials with Residual Contamination**

During excavation, other materials may be encountered that show residual contamination. Residual contamination is defined as no free product present as demonstrated with the use of NJDEPE field testing methods but HNu or OVA meters show readings above background levels. These materials may have contained free product in the past, and time or leaching has reduced product levels. These materials will be segregated in a separate surface impoundment from the contaminated soil and tank encasement material. Representative samples will be collected of this material and will be analyzed for parameters designated in Table 4-1.

If analyses determine that these materials are contaminated below the proposed New Jersey cleanup standards (3 February 1992), then they will be used for backfilling the excavation.

If laboratory analytical results exceed the prescribed cleanup standards, then these materials will be handled and disposed in accordance with the NJDEPE protocols for "Management of Excavated Soils." These materials will be treated as wastes. Additional laboratory analyses other than those indicated in Table 4-1 and submissions to treatment or disposal facilities and regulatory agencies may be required to classify soils for waste disposal.



#### **4.3.4 Tank Decontamination Fluids**

Contaminated cleaning fluids and rinse waters will be generated during the tank cleaning operation. These materials will be stored in a vacuum truck or drummed in USDOT-approved containers upon removal from the tank.

Drums containing tank decontamination fluids will be transferred to the designated storage area. Representative samples will be collected of the drums and analyzed for parameters indicated in Table 4-1. It is expected that these wastes will be handled as hazardous waste. Disposal will be at an approved hazardous waste treatment facility.

#### **4.3.5 Tank**

The tank, after cleaning and removal from the excavation, shall have holes cut in the ends to prevent tank reuse. A Certificate of Destruction shall be supplied by the disposal facility. Anticipated disposal is by an approved scrap metal processor.

**TABLE 4-1  
GUIDE TO HANDLING CLOSURE GENERATED MATERIALS FOR DISPOSAL/USE**



Closure Generated Materials	Parameters to be Analyzed	Sample Frequency	Waste Category Disposal/Use Method
Excavated Fill (e.g., non-stained soils below paved surface and above tank and water table showing no evidence of contamination)	Screen with OVA and HNu meters.	None	Return to excavation after tank removal if HNu or OVA meter readings indicate same as background air levels.
Contaminated Soil and Tank Encasement Material (e.g., stained soils and concrete mortar)	TCLP, Reactivity, Total PCBs, VOC, TPHC, PPM	1 composite sample/100 cu yd: composite of 5 grab samples collected at an interval of 1 grab sample/20 cu yd. Analyze composite sample for all parameters except VOC  1 grab sample/50 cu yd for VOC	Waste will be disposed at approved treatment or disposal facilities.
<u>Potentially Contaminated Soils</u>  Other Materials with Residual Contamination (e.g., soils not visibly contaminated, however, OVA and HNu screening indicates levels above background air levels)	TPHC VOC	1 grab sample/100 cu yd for TPHC 1 grab sample/50 cu yd for VOC	If results of composite and grab samples are below proposed cleanup standards, then use as fill in tank excavation after tank removal. If results exceed limits and NJDEP does not allow disposal on-site, then the material will be disposed of as either hazardous waste or ID-27 Dry Industrial Waste.
Tank Decontamination Fluids	Ignitability, Corrosivity, Total PCBs, VOC, TPHC, PPM, Reactivity	1 composite sample/5 drums of liquid: composite of 5 grab samples collected at an interval of 1 grab sample/drum. Samples must be composited on a weight/weight basis. Analyze composite sample for all parameters except VOC.  1 grab sample/2 drums for VOC.	Dispose as hazardous waste at an approved treatment facility.
Tank and Piping	Screen with CGI and HNu or OVA meters.	Screen at all openings to tank and at various depths within the tank.	Scrap metal for reclamation at an approved NJ facility.

LEGEND: PCB - Polychlorinated Biphenyls  
 VOC - Volatile Organic Analysis  
 TPHC - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons  
 PPM - Priority Pollutant Metals  
 BN - Base Neutral Compounds  
 TCL - Target Compound List



## **SECTION 5.0**

### **SITE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

This section of the Closure Plan describes the responsibilities of individuals to comply with the OSHA 29 CFR 1910 and 1926 as it pertains to the closure and installation of underground storage tanks.

The United States Navy is the owner and operator of the underground storage tank system to be closed at Naval Weapons Station Earle and will be responsible for overall project administration and contractor oversight.

Closure contractors for this contract will be responsible for following the procedures in the closure or abandonment of USTs at NWS-Earle. Each contractor shall develop a HASP for closure activities. The HASP must satisfy all OSHA requirements as stated in 29 CFR 1910.120. The contractor is responsible for providing a Site Health and Safety Officer (HSO). The HSO has total responsibility for ensuring that the provisions of the HASP are adequate and implemented in the field. Also, each contractor and subcontractor is responsible for certifying that their employees meet all of the requirements for training. The contractor will be responsible for certifying any confined spaces as gas free and comply with U.S. Navy requirements for confined space entry pursuant to NAVSEA S604 70-AA-SAF-010-NAVY.



## SECTION 6.0

### IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

NWS-Earle plans to complete all tank removals within the next several months. Figure 6-1 shows the project implementation schedule for tank removal activities. This schedule is based on a NJDEPE Closure Plan review of 6 weeks and a laboratory turnaround time of 4 weeks. This schedule represents field activities for one tank. The subsequent 3 tanks will be completed following restoration of the previous tank. Prior to implementation, the designated NJDEPE representatives will be notified of start and estimated completion dates for these closures.

FIGURE 6-1  
 PROJECT SCHEDULE  
 NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE  
 STORAGE TANK REMOVAL

