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## Contaminated soil eroding into river

### Shipyard notifies EPA of problem at Superfund site

By JENNIFER L. SAUNDERS  
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KITTERY, Maine — The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has notified the Environmental Protection Agency of soil erosion into the Piscataqua River from a lead-contaminated Superfund site.

And while the Navy begins a restoration project to protect the area, the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League is warning local residents who fish or swim in the river to think twice before pursuing those activities — at least for a while.

"This summer along the westernmost edge of the Portsmouth Naval

Shipyard, in the area of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, we noticed some of the banking along the Piscataqua River was eroding," said Shipyard Spokesman Alan M. Robinson.

Robinson explained the area is in a site under investigation by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, more commonly known as Superfund.

In a letter dated Aug. 16, the shipyard's Remedial Project Manager Frederick J. Evans advised the Environmental Protection Agency and Maine Department of Environmental Protection of the erosion.

"At the current time, the Navy is planning to decommit funds awarded to other projects to fund this Emergency Removal Action," Evans' letter stated.

"In years past, use of this specific area led to contamination of the soil by heavy metals such as lead," Robinson said. "This fall, the Navy plans to stabilize the area by placing a geotextile liner and rip rap along the shoreline to hold the soil in place and prevent further erosion."

The Seacoast Anti-Pollution League has reported at least one soil

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## Dover P.O. moving

### Temporary site necessary during parking lot renovation

By MORGAN MINCH  
Democrat Staff Writer

DOVER — The Post Office is changing addresses this September.

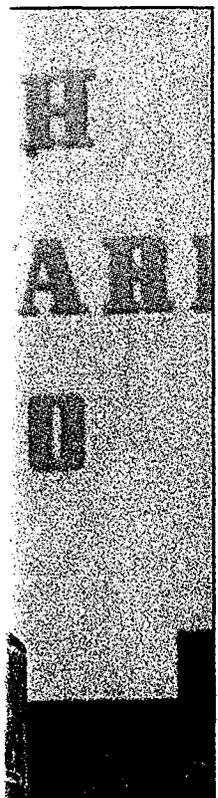
Currently located at 133 Washington St., the Post Office will temporarily move to 47 Chestnut St. beginning Sept. 13 next to Goodwill and the Dollar Store. The reason for the move is to accommodate parking lot renovations.

room for 20 additional customer parking spaces. This is strictly for customer parking, even though the employee lot cannot accommodate half the people who work there. The project is due to be finished on Nov. 5.

The city has leased the unused portion of Green Street to the Postal Service for the parking addition, and there will also be some minor cosmetic renovations to the Post

the Chestnut Street facility as easy as possible for our customers," said Postmaster Andrea Fenn. "The new parking area, with a one way entrance and exit, in the rear of the building will add customer convenience with the additional spaces," she said.

She said the change is needed because the current space is inadequate for the amount of traffic at the Post Office. During holiday season



Shipyard Pilot Ted Shipyard on Friday.  
photo — Mark Bolton)

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## Lotteries

Maine, N.H., Vt.: 2-0-6  
9-5-1-1

Wincash: 7-13-20-22-27-36

Mass. Daily: 4-1-4-2

Cash 4 Life: 1-70-76-79

Mass Cash: N/A

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sample taken in the area showed lead content as high as 110,000 parts per million. That amount is double the level at which biological affects can take place, the group said.

The area in question is currently used to store excess materials and equipment before they are sold or recycled.

In a statement issued Friday, the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League said the area's "long history of temporary storage has resulted in a site laden with various heavy metals including lead, arsenic, chromium" and several other toxins.

According to Evans' letter, the Navy has contracted for emergency action to stabilize the embankment and stop the erosion. A design or work plan will be submitted on or before Sept. 20.

Robinson said the design and implementation of the site restoration will be done in accordance with the Superfund and reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency, Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the shipyard's Restoration Advisory Board.

In the meantime, the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League wants to know more.

"Still to be answered," said Steve Haberman, the group's director, "are questions concerning how much of the contaminated soil has already washed into the river, where that soil has ended up and what impact it will have."

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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# Despite buzz, Sununu v

By JUSTIN MARTIN  
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DOVER — U.S. Rep. John E. Sununu (R-NH) admits he has heard the whispers.

People are asking the two-term congressman if he's considering a run for governor, if he's thought about the U.S. Senate, if he's content in his current role in the House of Representatives.

Whether he's talking to neighbors near his Bedford home, networking with politicians at state GOP fundraisers or even conducting interviews with the media, the topic is

arising in conversation more frequently than ever before.

What's next?

"It's flattering that people here come up to me and show an interest in my career and my future," Sununu said. "It suggests to me that there are a number of ways I might be able to serve the people of this state."

But Sununu scoffs at the notion he may already be looking at a gubernatorial run. After all, he says, "I'm closer to the '96 election than I am to 2002."

"I will look at all the opportunities I think are out there and then make a

decision on how I can best state," Sununu answered when asked again about his political aspirations.

Sununu's work at the federal level has not gone unnoticed in the coast area.

Most recently, Portsmouth Mayor Evelyn Sirrell lauded his help in her city's acquisition of federal property, property that will now be used as a teen center. That same day, the Conservation Commission thanked Sununu for bringing public attention to the efforts to save the deteriorating salt marshes.

Sununu has played an a-

## Sununu

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ing third would be used to fund Medicare and Social Security.

But Democrats argue the GOP Tax Relief Act would reverse 25 years of environmental progress, cutting pollution control measures, stalling toxic waste cleanup operations, and, in some cases, shutting down national parks.

Earlier this month, President Clinton

ripped into the tax cut proposed by Republicans. He pointed at veteran benefits and educational programs as two items that would be severely hampered by the Tax Relief Act.

Sununu adamantly disagreed with those assertions Friday. He said the Tax Relief Act includes more money to both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Veterans Administra-

tion than in the president's gets.

The Clinton Administration is proposing a \$300 billion tax cut over the same 10-year period that Democrats promise to cut \$800 billion in money left under the Clinton administration. That money would be spent to expand services.

Sununu, echoing the se-

## Fresh start

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rience moving another daughter to Northeastern University, started on their trek at 7:45 a.m. "We're always early," Mrs. Buckley said.

She said the hardest part of the morning was parking the car, which Ms. Buckley's father was doing.

"We don't know when we're going to see him again," Mrs. Buckley said while laughing.

Cars, vans and sport utility vehi-

cles were directed in and out of a small parking lot in front of the building by UNH officer Jason Smith.

Individuals unloaded their vehicles and made small piles on the grass. Then one person moved the vehicles to another parking lot and walked back. Cindy Allyson, mother of Tabatha, said she was surprised individuals were unpacking their vehicles so quickly.

Inside the dormitory, a freshman waiting for a room moved steadily. Assistant Director Rob Quinonez said the process was a good one. "Officials were trying to be serious and happy" for the new students, he said.

The only minor fiasco about 10 a.m. was when volunteers brought on boxes to the wrong room.

## Drought

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through this emergency.

Agricultural Secretary Dan Glickman declared Maine as an agricultural disaster area, making farmers in Maine and adjacent New Hampshire eligible for federal assistance.

Last week, Bass announced farm-

ers in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties became eligible for assistance when Massachusetts was declared a disaster area.

Family-sized farm operators from those counties are eligible to be considered for the emergency

loans from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The agency will consider a loan application on its merits, taking into account the applicant's losses, security availability and other factors.

temporary location's closeness to the Post Office will keep customer convenient," she said. The easy-drop box street will stay where