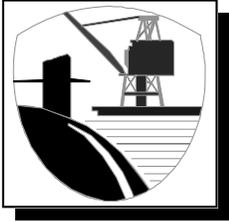


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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration Program RAB Update: March 29, 2011

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Installation Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Kittery Town Hall, Kittery, Maine. The agenda included presentations on the status of work at all Operable Units (OUs), the munitions response site prioritization protocol, draft documents for OU1 (Site 10, a former battery acid site) and OU9 (Site 34, a former oil gasification plant).

No further action is required for a munitions response site (the former small arms range) at PNS.

The Navy provided a presentation on the munitions response site prioritization protocol as part of the requirement to provide appropriate community participation activities for the Munitions Response Program (MRP). One site, a small arms range, was identified at PNS. The site was closed in the mid-1990s when the Shipyard constructed a building over the site. At the time of building construction, contaminated soil was removed from the area. During the 2005 MRP evaluation of the site, it was determined that no further action was needed for the site because it had been adequately closed as part of the building construction. Recent reassessment of the prioritization of the site confirms that no further action is required for the MRP site at PNS. The March 22, 2011, legal notice in the Portsmouth Herald and Fosters Daily Democrat and the March 29, 2011, RAB presentation fulfilled the community participation requirements of the MRP.

The Navy is moving forward with the soil remedial action for OU1 (Site 10).

The Navy is preparing a work plan for a soil remedial action for OU1. In accordance with the ROD for OU1, signed in September 2010, the remedial action for soil at OU1 focuses on the area beneath the former drain lines in the crawl space under Building 238. Because the soil remediation work will be conducted in the crawl space, considerations for working in a confined space will be addressed in the work plan. The excavation in the two identified remediation areas will be conducted by hand, and a temporary conveyor system will be used to move the soil from within the crawl space to outside the building for transportation and disposal off site. Site restoration activities include backfilling of the excavation areas and repair of asphalt outside the building. A Construction Completion Report will be prepared to document all field activities as part of the remediation. The remediation work is expected to begin in summer 2011.

Based on the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for OU9 (Site 34), the Navy recommends evaluation of remedial options for OU9.

The draft OU9 RI Report provides the evaluation of soil data at OU9, where ash generated from coal combustion was deposited. The majority of the ash was removed in 2007. The RI was conducted to evaluate residual soil contamination after ash removal. The RI showed that the majority of ash has been removed; however, thin isolated pockets of ash and burnt material were found in the subsurface. The contaminants in subsurface soil, if uncovered, could result in potential unacceptable risks to people. Based on the conclusions of the draft RI Report, the Navy recommends that a Feasibility Study (FS) be prepared to evaluate remedial options to address the potential unacceptable risks for OU9.

Next meeting announced.

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:

**Tuesday, May 17, 2011, beginning at 7:00 pm
at the Kittery Town Hall, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine**

Discussion topics will include presentations and updates on Installation Restoration Program activities at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. As usual, interested members of the public are welcome.

Questions?
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