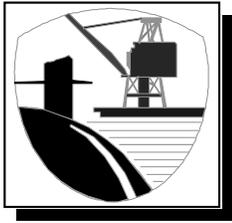


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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Environmental Restoration Program RAB Update: September 11, 2012

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at Kittery Town Hall, Kittery, Maine. The agenda included presentations on the status of work at all Operable Units (OUs) including investigations, remedial actions, and long term management functions.

The Navy provides the Environmental Restoration Program Status and Updates.

The Navy presented an overview of the status updates for Environmental Restoration for each site at PNS associated with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Since the last RAB meeting in May 2012,

- the Remedial Investigation (RI) for OU9 was finalized;
- the draft OU3 Round 11 monitoring and inspection data package was submitted;
- comments have been resolved on the Feasibility Study (FS) for OU4 and the report will be finalized in September; and
- the Community Involvement Plan was finalized.

The draft Construction Completion Reports for OU1 and Site 30, the draft final Remedial Design for OU2, the draft FS for OU9, the draft final FS for OU7 and draft Proposal Remedial Action Plans for OU4 are being prepared. The Second Five Year Review Report, finalized in May 2012, is available at the Rice Public Library in Kittery, Maine and at the Portsmouth Public Library in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Navy provides an overview of groundwater sampling at OU1 and OU3.

Groundwater sampling was conducted at OU1 to evaluate any adverse impacts to groundwater from excavation of lead contaminated soil as part of the Remedial Action. In samples collected in February 2012, one to two weeks after completion of most of the excavation, lead was not detected in most monitoring wells. All detected lead concentrations were below risk-based action levels specified in the Sampling and Analysis Plan. The next round of post-remediation sampling will be performed in November 2012.

Round 11 of the Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring (OM&M) at the Jamaica Island Landfill (OU3) was conducted in May 2012. Groundwater monitoring wells were sampled for analysis of arsenic, and detected concentrations remained low compared with risk-based action levels. Methane readings were zero in all in gas probes. The landfill cover system was noted to be in good condition with no land use concerns.

The Navy presents how sustainability is being incorporated into Remedial Design

The Navy presented the SiteWise tool which can be used to perform environmental footprint evaluations, including energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, criteria air pollutants, water impacts, and worker safety. A specific case study was presented evaluating options for soil handling following excavation of lead contaminated soil at OU2.

The Navy introduces the new Public Webpage for the Shipyard

The Navy introduced the public website for the Shipyard: <http://go.usa.gov/vvb>. The webpage includes sections with site description, background information, community outreach, and links. In addition, the public webpage allows access to the Administrative Record File (ARF), which allows the community to download any of the final documents.

Next meeting announced.

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:
Tuesday, December 4, beginning at 7:00 pm
at the Kittery Town Hall, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine
 Discussion topics will include presentations and updates on Environmental Restoration Program activities at PNS. Interested members of the public are welcome.

Questions?
 To be added to the mailing list, please contact the Shipyard Public Affairs Office

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