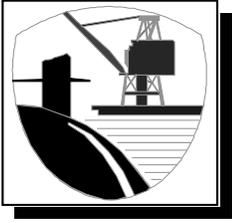


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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Environmental Restoration Program RAB Update: December 4, 2012



A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, December 4, 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 draft Feasibility Study (FS) for OU9, and the draft Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for OU4.

The Navy provides the Environmental Restoration (ER) Program Status and Updates.

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

- the OU2 Remedial Design was finalized
- the OU4 FS was finalized and the draft PRAP was submitted
- the draft OU9 FS was submitted
- the OU3 Round 11 monitoring and inspection data package was finalized
- the OU1 second round of post-remediation groundwater sampling was conducted

The draft Construction Completion Reports (CCR) for OU1 and Site 30, the draft final CCR for the DRMO Impact Area, the draft Remedial Action Work Plan for OU2, the draft final FS for OU7 and draft final PRAP for OU4 are being prepared.

The Navy presents the draft Proposed Remedial Action Plan for OU4 (Off-Shore Areas of Concern and Former Industrial Waste Outfalls).

Following environmental monitoring and an FS to evaluate remedial alternatives, the Navy presented a summary of the draft PRAP, which propose Removal with Off-yard Disposal for four off-shore areas with sediment containing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals above acceptable concentrations and No Further Action for the other off-shore areas with acceptable concentrations. Other remedial alternatives evaluated in the FS for the four areas included No Action, Monitored Natural Recovery, and Containment. The benefits of the Navy's proposed remedy of Removal with Off-yard Disposal for the four areas include meeting cleanup goals in a shorter period of time, higher long term effectiveness, and eliminating the need for land use controls and/or long term management.

An informational open house and 30 day public comment period will be conducted after the PRAP is finalized. The public can provide both written and oral comments. The next step for OU4 is the Record of Decision, which will be followed by Remedial Design and then performing the removal.

The Navy provides an overview of the FS process for OU9 (Former Oil Gasification Plant).

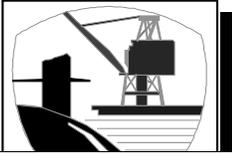
An overview was presented of the draft FS for OU9 where historic oil gasification and blacksmithing occurred in the early 1900s. The primary chemicals of concern are PAHs associated with residual ash. Soil containing ash was removed in 2007, and only a few small pockets of residual ash were observed during the Remedial Investigation. Potentially unacceptable risks from exposure to subsurface soils were identified for future hypothetical residents. Ash may be present under the floor of a building and if present could pose an unacceptable risk to people if the floor of the building was removed. The FS focused on two areas: a small area in the northern portion of OU9 where a water main is located and below a building. Four remedial alternatives were evaluated.

1. No Action (required as a basis for comparison)
2. LUCs for Elevated PAH Area and building.
3. Excavation of Elevated PAH Area and LUCs for building
4. In-Situ Chemical Oxidation of Elevated PAH Area and LUCs for building

LUCs would prevent residential land use for elevated PAH areas and/or prevent unrestricted exposure to potential contaminants in the subsurface beneath the floor of the building.

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The Restoration Advisory Boards discussed modifying its Charter

The Navy, RAB community members, and regulators discussed modifying the RAB Charter to improve distribution of information of the ER program at the Shipyard. Potential considerations for revision discussed included number of RAB members, term length for community members, frequency of meetings, alternative meeting times and locations, RAB member recruitment, attendance requirements, and criteria to disestablish the RAB as environmental cleanup progresses. The RAB will be looking to recruit additional community members.

Next meeting announced.

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:
Tuesday, March 13, 2013, 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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