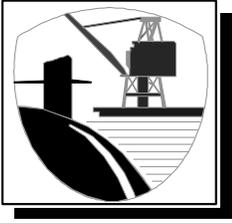


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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Environmental Restoration Program RAB Update: June 4, 2013



A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 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 and Proposed Remedial Action Plans (PRAP) for OU7 and OU9.

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

The Navy presented an overview of the program status and updates for each ER site at PNS associated with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Since the last RAB meeting in March 2013,

- The draft Post Remediation Groundwater Sampling Report was submitted for OU1
- Two draft Remedial Action Work Plans for were submitted for OU2 (DRMO Area and Waste Disposal Area)
- Annual landfill and Land Use Control (LUC) inspections were performed at OU3
- A public comment period ended and the draft Record of Decision (ROD) for OU4 was submitted
- The draft PRAP for OU7 was submitted
- The OU9 Feasibility Study (FS) was finalized, and the draft PRAP was submitted
- A draft No Further Action (NFA) Decision Document were submitted for Site 30

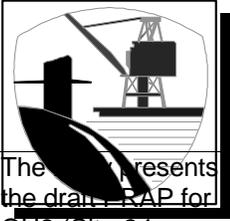
Construction Completion Reports for OU1 (final) and Site 30 (draft), the final FS for OU7, draft RODs for OU7 and OU9, and the draft final ROD for OU4 are being prepared

The Navy presents the draft PRAP for OU7 (Site 32: Topeka Pier Site)

The Navy's draft proposal for addressing contamination at OU7 is to remove subsurface soil contaminated with dioxins/furans and PCBs from a portion of OU7 (within the Former Timber Basin) to reduce risks to acceptable levels for current industrial users. Land use controls (LUCs) would be used to prevent residential land use to prevent future hypothetical residential exposure to contaminants in subsurface soil and to provide requirements for long-term management of the existing shoreline controls to protect the offshore from erosion of contaminated soil. Five-year reviews would be required to ensure continued remedy protectiveness. Other remedial alternatives evaluated by the FS included no action and LUCs only. The Navy's proposed remedy is consistent with current and planned land use by PNS and has the benefit of unrestricted exposure for current site users without institutional or administrative controls. Inspections and long-term management would be conducted to ensure that residential restrictions are in place and that the shoreline erosion controls are maintained.

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 OU7 is completion of the ROD, which will be followed by the appropriate remedial action documents and then removal activities.

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The Navy presents the draft PRAP for OU9 (Site 34: Former Oil Gasification Plant, Building 62)

The Navy's draft proposal for addressing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) contamination at OU9 is to provide LUCs to prevent unrestricted exposure to contamination presumed to be present under the foundation of the Building 62 Annex and to prevent residential land use to prevent future hypothetical residential exposure to elevated PAH concentrations in subsurface soil north of Building 62 and beneath Building 62 Annex. Five-year reviews would be required to ensure continued remedy protectiveness. Other remedial alternatives evaluated in the FS for OU9 included no action, excavation of the elevated PAH area and LUCs for Building 62 Annex, and in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) treatment of the elevated PAH area and LUCs for Building 62 Annex. The benefits of the Navy's proposed remedy include consistency with current and planned industrial land use by PNS, and LUCs provide the same protectiveness with less short-term effectiveness and implementability concerns at a lesser cost than excavation and treatment alternatives. Inspections would be conducted to ensure that restrictions are in place and that land use remains the same.

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 OU9 is completion of the ROD, which will be followed by preparation of the appropriate remedial action documents.

Results from the RAB Membership Survey

The Navy distributed an internet survey to RAB members seeking input on improving attendance and participation at RAB meetings. Survey responses, which included questions on frequency of meetings, alternative meeting times and locations, and RAB member recruitment, were summarized. Nearly all respondents indicated interest in continuing to participate on the RAB. Based on responses from the survey, it was concluded to maintain quarterly Tuesday evenings at the Kittery Town Hall. Additional recommendations of the survey for increasing participation in the RAB included additional media outreach, use of social media, and increased awareness of document accessibility.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on a Tuesday evening in September 2013 at the Kittery Town Hall, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine. Discussion topics will include presentations and updates on ER 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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