

## IR Site Inspections – 1st Quarter 2008

### St. Juliens Creek Annex, Chesapeake, Virginia

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#### Introduction

This technical memorandum summarizes the results of the inspections conducted at the active Installation Restoration (IR) sites at St. Juliens Creek Annex (SJCA) on March 25, 2008. The active IR sites include:

Site 2 – Waste Disposal Area B

Site 5 – Burning Grounds

Site 21 – Industrial Area

The following sections summarize the results of the inspections, identify the potential concerns observed, and provide recommendations for resolution by site. The site-specific inspection checklists are included as an attachment.

#### Site 2 – Waste Disposal Area B

At the time of the inspection, there were no signs of recent intrusive activities. Minimal signs of the intrusive investigation activities noted during the previous inspection (vegetation removal and tire ruts) remained. Significant vegetative re-growth was observed in those areas and no additional restoration is recommended at this time. The areas will continue to be monitored to ensure re-growth is successful.

One drum of investigation-derived waste (IDW) was observed on the site. The drum contains aqueous IDW generated during groundwater sampling activities at Site 4, conducted in February 2008. The drum is in secondary containment, in good condition, and properly labeled. Concrete and wood debris, also observed during previous inspections, remain in the wooded areas of the site. The couch and two railroad ties, previously noted near the southeastern corner of the former location of Building 130, were no longer present. Wooden pallets used during the Triad investigation were located at the IDW staging area during the last inspection. The pallets not currently in use were removed from the site and disposed on February 27, 2008.

All of the Site 2 monitoring wells, including casings, bollards, and locks, were in good condition, with the exception of monitoring well SJS02-MW12S. The flanges for the flush-mount well casing of SJS02-MW12S are damaged, prohibiting bolts from functioning properly, and replacement is recommended during future site activities. The signs indicating the site boundary were in good condition; however, they need to be updated with the correct contact phone number.

### **Site 5 – Burning Grounds**

At the time of the inspection, there was evidence of recent intrusive activities within the site. These activities are associated with the removal action and consist of the installation of safety and silt fences and vegetation clearing within the waste/burnt soil area. No dumping of chemicals or IDW storage was observed within the site or in the vicinity. A pallet and pile of soil were observed in the southwestern area of the site and a concrete pole, a tire, and some scrap metal were observed in the clearing east of SJS05-MW05S. These items have been observed at the site during previous site visits and will be removed during the removal action.

All of the Site 5 monitoring wells, including casings, bollards, and locks, were in good condition. The signs indicating the site boundary were in good condition; however, they need to be updated with the correct contact phone number.

### **Site 21 – Industrial Area**

At the time of the inspection, evidence of intrusive activities was observed within the site boundary. Two open excavations, also noted during previous site inspections, were present in the vicinity of the former location of Building 201. The northern excavation (approximately 12' x 8' x 5'), noted during the first IR site inspections conducted during the second quarter 2005, and southern excavation (approximately 4' x 4' x 8'), first noted during the first quarter 2006 inspection, appeared to be in similar condition as during the previous inspection. Both excavations contained vegetation and standing water. Facility Operations personnel have indicated that the excavations are a result of ongoing storm sewer line repairs and will be backfilled when repairs are complete. The extent of the northern excavation will not change, but the southern excavation will be extended approximately 20 feet west into the parking lot towards Building 1556 to repair the drop inlet and connected piping. The excavations are located in an area of potential groundwater contamination. The existing groundwater and storm water analytical data, and a comparison of the groundwater data to non-hazardous disposal criteria were provided to the NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic Remedial Project Manager (RPM). The RPM will coordinate with Facilities Operations as necessary through the remaining repair activities.

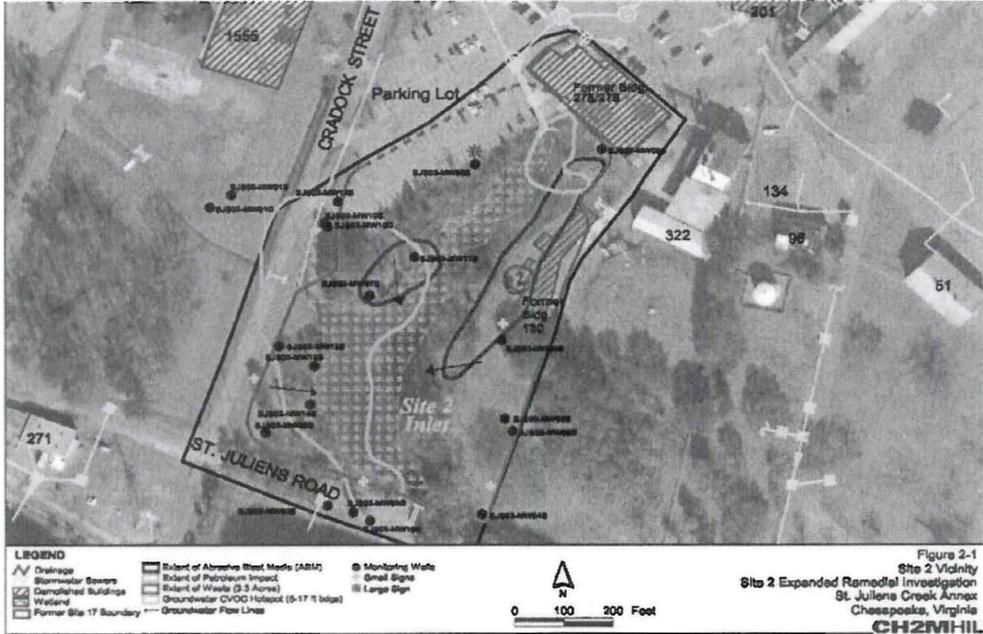
No signs of other intrusive activities, dumping of chemicals, or IDW storage were observed within the site or in the vicinity. Miscellaneous construction and wood debris were observed throughout the site, but are expected due to the industrial nature of the site. All of the Site 21 monitoring wells were in good condition. The signs indicating the site boundary were in good condition; however, they need to be updated with the current contact phone number.

**Site 2 - Waste Disposal Area B**

**St. Juliens Creek Annex, Chesapeake, Virginia**

Description: Site 2 is an unlined waste disposal area, covering approximately 5.7 acres, located at the corner of St. Juliens Drive and Cradock Street in the southwestern portion of the Annex. The waste disposal area began operating in 1921. Initially, refuse was burned onsite and was used to fill an adjacent swampy area. In 1942, an incinerator was installed and replaced the open burning practices. The waste disposal area was closed sometime after 1947. Garbage, acids, and waste ordnance were reportedly disposed of at Site 2. Site 2 also contains abrasive blast media (ABM) from ship overhaul and repair operations. In 1989, the site was used for storage of heavy equipment and machinery, including storage of tools, tires, and machinery in sheds and trailers. In the north, Site 2 encompasses the former Site 17, which consisted of a concrete storage pad located just outside Building 279. The building was used as a fork lift maintenance shop. Buildings 278/279 were demolished in 2003 and the concrete slab remains in-place.

Site 2 is currently a swampy area covered with brush, trees, and grass. A water body directly connected to St. Juliens Creek is located in the center of Site 2. This inlet from the creek is tidally influenced and drains surface water from adjoining land, including Site 2, into the creek. Construction debris (concrete and brick), as well as ABM, are visible at the site. There are signs posted around the perimeter of the site.



Comments: (Provide related question number for each comment)

② One IDW does not properly labeled and staged on secondary containment

④ MW12S needs new flanges

**General Questionnaire**

- |  | Yes                                 | No                                  |
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| 2 Is the area free of storage of any investigative derived waste (IDW) on site? If no, mark location of IDW on figure, note its condition in the comment section above, and notify activity coordinator. Indicate if IDW is properly labeled, per example below:<br>Investigative Derived Waste<br>Purge water from Site 2<br>January 28, 2007<br>Do not handle, analysis pending<br>Contact Tim Reisch, NAVFAC MID LANT, (757) 444-6890 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Is the area free of identifiable concerns, such as, signs of dumping of chemicals or debris, with regards to this site? If no, annotate these concerns in the comments section above, mark location of concern on map, and notify activity coordinator.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Site Specific Questionnaire**

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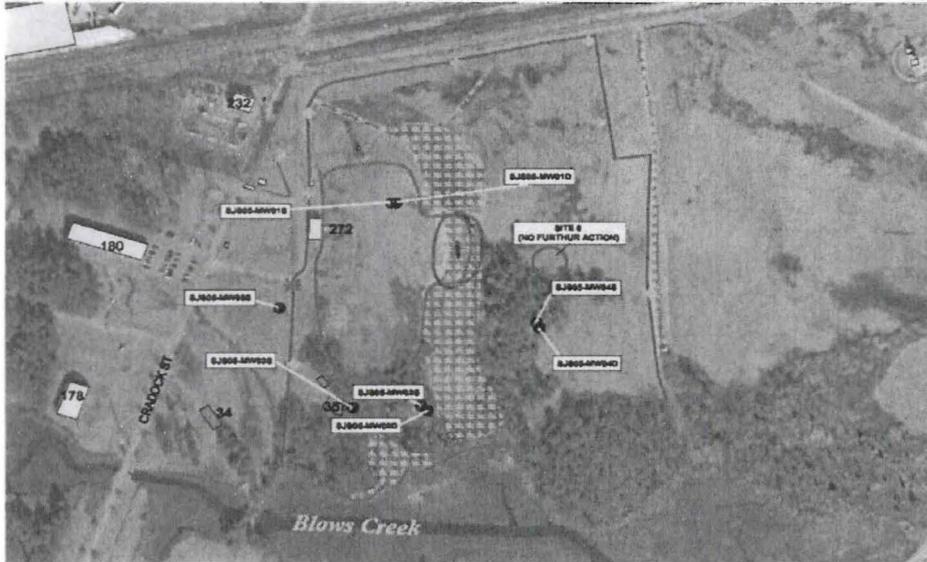
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**Site 5 - Burning Grounds**

**St. Juliens Creek Annex, Chesapeake, Virginia**

Description: Site 5 is the former Burning Grounds consisting of approximately 23 acres adjacent to Cradock Street in the northern portion of the Annex. The site is located on fill material that reportedly originated from the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. The exact start and closure dates of the Burning Grounds are unknown, although it reportedly operated between the 1930s and 1970s, during which time waste ordnance materials were disposed by open burning. In 1977, the ground surface at Site 5 was burned with straw, diced, and burned again in an effort to remediate the soil. Wastes disposed include ordnance materials such as black powder (mixture of charcoal, nitrate, and sulfur), smokeless powder (nitrocellulose), Explosive D (ammonium picrate), Composition A-3 (contains RDX and wax), tetryl, trinitrotoluene (TNT), and fuzes. Other wastes consisted of carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethene, paint sludge, pesticides, and various types of refuse. The amount of ordnance disposed of varied from year to year and there is insufficient information to calculate waste volume.

The site currently consists of an open field with the central portion overgrown with phragmites. A significant portion of the southwest area of the site is covered with a layer of gravel. Surface water at Site 5 drains either naturally or through unlined shallow man-made drainage ditches to tidally influenced Blows Creek, which eventually meets with the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. There are signs posted around the perimeter of the site.



**LEGEND**

- Shallow Monitoring Well Location
- Deep Monitoring Well Location
- ⊛ Large Sign
- ⊙ Small Sign
- Wetland Area
- Existing Buildings
- Former Buildings
- Site 5 Boundary
- Site 5 Waste/Burnt Soil Area

0 125 250 Feet

Site 5  
St. Juliens Creek Annex  
Chesapeake, Virginia

**IR CHECKLIST**

Comments: (Provide related question number for each comment)

① Vegetation in portion of wetland cleared and silt and safety fences installed along the perimeter of the waste/burnt soil and site boundary areas.

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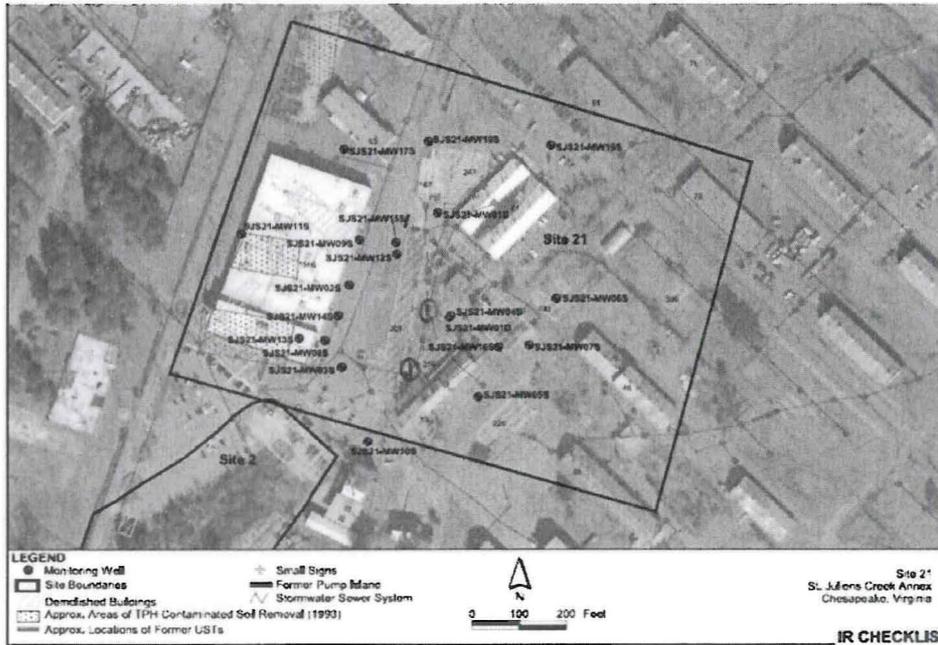
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**Site 21 - Industrial Area**

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Description: Site 21 is located in a former industrial area in the central portion of the annex. Buildings at Site 21 were historically used as machine, vehicle, and locomotive maintenance shops; electrical shops; and munitions loading facilities. Outdoor areas at Site 21 were used for equipment and chemical storage. Several of these buildings and/or their surrounding areas were designated as former IR sites. Additionally, a fuel service station was previously located just south of Building 187. The existing buildings and the Site 21 area are currently used for storage and maintenance activities. Building 1556 was constructed in 1992 and is currently used as the MARMC warehouse. Many of the older buildings at the site have been demolished. A storm sewer system runs through the site and drains to a downstream inlet (IR Site 2) to St. Juliens Creek.

The site currently consists of an industrial area, primarily asphalt-paved. Elevated concentrations of TCE are present in shallow groundwater and storm water in the Site 21 vicinity. There are signs posted around the perimeter of the unpaved areas of the site.



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① Storm sewer excavations noted during previous investigations are in the same condition.

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