

MCAS EL TORO RAB MEMBERS HONORED AT 50TH MEETING

The 50th meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro provided a unique opportunity for the Marine Corps and Navy to extend their appreciation to the volunteers who have served since the RAB was formed in 1994. The 50th meeting was held on March 21, 2001, at the City of Irvine's Conference and Training Center, the site of MCAS El Toro RAB meetings since 1996.

Dean Gould, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator MCAS El Toro and Navy RAB Co-chair, along with Lieutenant Colonel Tim Bruton of the Marine Corps, acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the RAB members. They praised the efforts of the RAB, and presented the members with awards of appreciation from the Marine Corps. Brock Ebmeyer, field representative for Assemblyman John Campbell of the 70th District of the California Legislature, presented a certificate of appreciation to the RAB members as well.

Mr. Gould read the inscription from the plaque presented to nine charter RAB members who have been participating since 1994. The certificates presented to the other eleven RAB members included a similar acknowledgment. Both were signed by Colonel Danny J. McDaniel, Chief of Staff, COMCABWEST.

"MCAS El Toro RAB members participation includes attending RAB meetings, reviewing technical documents, providing input to the RAB Co-chairs, and disseminating information from the RAB to the community, and communicating community concerns to the Marine Corps and Navy, regulatory agencies, and other RAB members," said Mr. Gould. He added that attendance at MCAS El Toro RAB meetings averages approximately 40 participants. "RAB members have provided input on many important topics including the remedial investigation and feasibility



To acknowledge the dedication of RAB members, plaques and certificates were provided to honor their hard work and ongoing participation. From left to right are Dean Gould, MCAS El Toro BEC and Navy RAB Co-chair, LTCOL Tim Bruton of the MCAS El Toro BRAC office, Marcia Rudolph, RAB charter member since 1994 who serves as the Subcommittee Chair, and Brock Ebmeyer of California Assemblyman John Campbell's office.

study of four on-station landfills, cleanup of the plume of groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds that extends approximately 3 miles from the station boundary into the City of Irvine, radiological concerns, and institutional controls and land-use restrictions."

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RESOURCE EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SAVING MONEY AND ENERGY

The increased demand for electricity throughout California and adjoining states, coupled with a shortage of capacity for electrical generation and transmission, has significantly increased prices for electricity and the potential for power shortages. During periods of high demand, the grid may be unable to supply all the power that is needed, and could shut down portions of the statewide electrical system. Since May 2000, market prices for electricity have soared as much as 4,900 percent over historical averages.

As a primary energy user in the San Diego region, and in response to economic and vulnerability concerns associated with the region's power supply, SWDIV initiated a Resource Efficiency Management (REM) program in the San Diego area in

October 1999. The REM program promotes energy efficiency and conservation initiatives through full-time, on-site energy managers who identify and help implement strategies to reduce power consumption, energy costs, and air emissions. REM focuses on (1) identifying and implementing energy and water conservation and cost-saving opportunities, and (2) demonstrating the environmental benefits of a strong energy management program. Performance management is incorporated into all aspects of every program, with the goal of becoming self-sustaining through energy cost savings and utility grants and incentives.

Other goals of the REM program include applying sound energy and utilities management practices, implementing training and awareness programs,

and facilitating proper operation and maintenance of buildings and utilities to save energy. The REM program is expected to provide SWDIV with more than \$4.5 million in energy savings, grants, and incentives. Based on its success thus far, the program has grown from one full-time

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BASEWIDE HYDROGEOLOGIC CHARACTERIZATION

The Navy is in the midst of a large-scale effort to improve understanding of the geology and hydrogeology across the vast Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake complex in southeastern California. The basewide hydrogeologic characterization (BHC) project conducted by Tetra Tech EM Inc. (TtEMI) supports the decision-making process under the Installation Restoration Program and provides valuable information for use in remedial investigations and feasibility studies. The BHC also provides a backdrop to better understand the impact of activities at NAWS China Lake on the overall groundwater resources that are under Navy stewardship.

The BHC is being conducted in three phases. Phase I is completed and included drilling and continuously coring 23 exploratory borings. Depths of the borings ranged from 100 to 900 feet. Five of the borings were located outside the boundary of NAWS China Lake and required access permits from landowners. Phase II will begin soon and includes monitoring well installation and development, water level monitoring, groundwater sampling, and aquifer testing. Phase III will consist of a summary report and a beneficial use evaluation of the aquifer.

Detailed descriptions of the exploratory boring cores provided information to improve the understanding and prediction of depositional environments in the area and their potential to affect the hydrostratigraphy. Geologic sedi-

ments, such as fan, alluvial, lacustrine, and deltaic, were identified. A conceptual site model was developed that incorporates the three major hydrogeologic zones identified in the area of NAWS China Lake.

Groundwater is the sole source of water for NAWS China Lake, the City of Ridgecrest (located adjacent to the installation), and other local industrial, agricultural, and domestic users. Accordingly, the local community and other nearby water users are keenly interested in groundwater issues to better understand the hydrogeology of the area. With the BHC project, the Navy will be able to provide valuable information on groundwater to the community. In addition to sharing the findings from the BHC project with the Restoration Advisory Board and representatives from the regulatory agencies, TtEMI and the Navy have met with personnel from local water agencies such as the Indian Wells Valley Water District and Kern County Water Agency, and with local industries, such as IMC Corporation. On March 14, 2001, TtEMI personnel also led a field trip to several locations at NAWS China Lake to observe geologic features related to the BHC. The local community has supported the Navy's BHC efforts and will continue to be an active participant in Phase II of the project.

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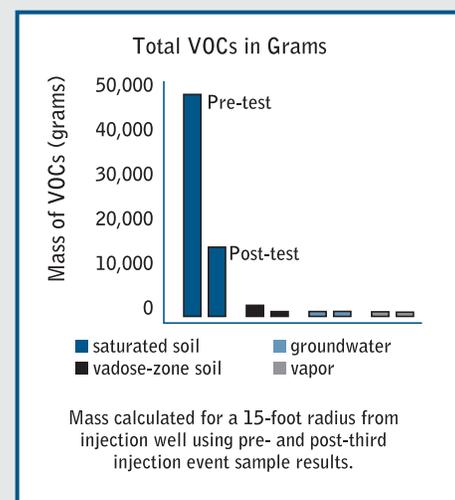


Drilling of deep exploratory boring using mud rotary technique underway at NAWS China Lake.

IN SITU CHEMICAL OXIDATION – PILOT STUDY A SUCCESS

SWDIV has successfully completed a pilot study using in situ chemical oxidation to reduce the mass of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in a shallow, unconfined aquifer at Installation Restoration (IR) Site 5, Unit 2, Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island. Results of the pilot study suggest that in situ chemical oxidation using classic chemical principles can be effective in reducing concentrations of contaminants in soil at and below the groundwater table as well as in groundwater. Primary contaminants include cis-1,2 DCE, vinyl chloride, and aromatic hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater, as well as naphthalene and trichloropropane in water-saturated soil.

The pilot study involved three injection events and 11 sampling events over the course of 4 months. Chemicals used during the study include hydrochloric acid for pH adjustment, ferrous iron sulfate as a catalyst, and hydrogen peroxide. Chemicals were applied through a single injection well that was screened throughout the shallow aquifer.



Mass calculations for total VOCs in four media (water-saturated soil, groundwater, vadose-zone soil, and soil vapor) suggest that more than 90 percent of contamination in the test area resides in water-saturated soil. The results from the third injection event indicate a 68 percent reduction in total VOCs. As illustrated on the accompanying graph, the reduction occurred in groundwater and water-saturated soil. Specific constituents reductions included a 76 percent reduction in aromatic hydrocarbons, a 45 percent reduction in cis-1,2-DCE, and a 60 percent reduction in vinyl chloride.

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TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS

SWDIV HOSTS ITRC FOR SITE TOUR

Installation Restoration (IR) Site 9 at Naval Air Station North Island, California, was the



IR Site 9 tour (left to right) Anne Callison (ITRC), Rick Basinet (SWDIV), Charles Perry (SWDIV), Rob Campbell (SWDIV) and Lisa Wilson (IT Corp.)

location for an Interstate Technology Regulatory Cooperation (ITRC) tour hosted by SWDIV team members.

The background of the site, operation and results from the pilot test, and the full-scale thermally enhanced soil vapor extraction (SVE) and free product recovery system were discussed during the tour. In May 1999, a thermally enhanced SVE and light nonaqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) removal pilot system were installed at IR Site 9. The pilot system consisted of 10 product skimming/SVE wells, three steam injection wells, and 10 sets of five nested thermocouples. The pilot system operated from September 1999 to May 2000, when more than 14,600 pounds of liquid waste were removed through skimming and 14,000 pounds were removed via SVE. In light of the success of the pilot test, the system is being expanded into a full-scale system with

58 free product/SVE wells and 34 steam injection wells.

ITRC is a state-led national coalition that helps regulators, agencies, technology developers, vendors, and users to reduce the technical and regulatory barriers to the development of innovative technologies. ITRC representative Anne Callison, Dense Nonaqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPL)/Chlorinated Solvents subcommittee member, toured the former chemical waste disposal area on February 9, 2001. Ms. Callison is also the Restoration Advisory Board Co-chair for Lowry Air Force Base in Denver and is Director of Republicans for Environmental Protection. She was on site to evaluate and discuss various innovative environmental technologies adopted at IR Site 9.

Ms. Callison will draft a report for member states of ITRC with the intent that they will become familiar with and accept these innovative technologies.

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NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST RECEIVES 2000 AWARD FOR INSTALLATION EXCELLENCE

For the second consecutive year, Navy Region Southwest has been awarded the Installation Excellence Award issued by the Chief of Naval Operations. The Installation Excellence Award was established to recognize outstanding efforts by personnel in the operation and maintenance of U.S. military installations worldwide. The award recognizes one installation from each service whose command has made the best use of available resources to accomplish its assigned mission, and focused on innovative management actions that have increased the productivity of its work force and enhanced the quality of life of personnel.

All Navy shore installations are eligible for this award. The selection criteria for the award includes the following categories:

- Total quality enhancements
- Awards in the following: energy conservation, environmental, natural resources conservation, pollution prevention, morale, welfare, and recreation resource, recovery and recycling, SECNAV and CNO safety, UPH management, self help program, retention, food service, and other significant government or community awards

- Occupational safety and health programs
- Equal employment opportunity
- Community relations and participation

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY

Captain Engle is reemphasizing the importance of safety to stress the importance of zero accidents. ALL project teams must be implementing the expectations of SOUTHWESTNAVFACENGCOMINST 5100.1B. Be vigilant and proactive on safety, ask questions and get answers, and be knowledgeable of SWDIV safety instruction and accident reporting requirements. If an accident occurs, it is required to brief the contracting officer within 24 hours of the incident. Please also note that all Remedial Project Managers are to address these expectations at their handshake meetings.

C O N T R A C T I N G I N I T I A T I V E S

S W D I V E N V I R O N M E N T A L C O N T R A C T I N G I N I T I A T I V E S

SWDIV has established the following Environmental Acquisition Strategies and Goals:

- Reducing acquisition and overhead costs
- Increasing procurement flexibility and options
- Increasing use of fixed-price contracts
- Increasing efficiency and effectiveness of contracts
- Promoting planning with clients
- Promoting innovation
- Promoting sustainability
- Increasing contracting opportunities to small and small disadvantaged businesses

In support of these goals, the following upcoming procurements, as presented at the Procurement Conference 2001 and Society of Architect and Military Engineers (SAME) Conference, will be awarded.

UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS

Architectural-Engineering Multi-Media Compliance Studies

- Estimated contract maximum: \$40 million (M)
- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract

- Base year with 4 option years
- Estimated award: July 2001

Architectural-Engineering CERCLA/RCRA/UST Studies & Remedial Design

- Estimated contract maximum: \$40M
- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract
- Base year with 4 option years
- Estimated award: October 2001

Environmental Multiple Award Contract (EMAC) (Remediation/Removal)

- Total capacity: \$240M (3 to 6 awards)
- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract
- Base year with 4 option years
- Estimated Request for Proposal (RFP) date: Summer 2001

Small Business Environmental Multiple Award Contract (EMAC) (Remedial Action Operations/Long Term Monitoring)

- Total capacity: \$120M (3 to 6 awards)
- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract
- Base year with 4 option years
- Proposals due: 24 May 2001

8(A) EMAC (Remediation/Removal)

Two separate solicitations: Southern California and Northern California

- Total capacity: \$20M per solicitation (3 to 6 awards)
- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract
- Base year with 4 option years
- Estimated RFP: Summer 2001

8(A) Remedial Action Contracts for BRAC Bases in San Francisco Bay Area (Remediation/Removal)

Two \$3M contracts: East San Francisco Bay Area and North San Francisco Bay Area

- Fixed-price, multi-delivery order IDIQ contract
- Base year plus 2 option years
- Awarded: March 2001
- Contractors: Awards to Innovative Technical Solutions & Mendelian Construction, Inc

For more contracting information visit our NAVFAC website at <http://esol.navy.mil>

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M U L T I P L E A W A R D C O N T R A C T S (M A C S): T H E W A V E O F T H E F U T U R E

Multiple Award Contracts (MACs) are the wave of the future because of their efficiency and flexibility. MACs allow for one requirement to be publicized and awarded to one of several contractors. With this procurement method, each task order is competed for price and/or best value among 3 – 6 contractors. Benefits of MACs are improved capabilities and competitive prices.

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IT AWARDED 2001 NUNN-PERRY AWARD

The Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé (MP) Program provides incentives for major prime contractors (mentors) to DoD to help small disadvantaged businesses (SDB) (protégés) develop technical and business capabilities. The goal of the program is to assist protégés to compete more successfully for prime and subcontract awards. Successful Mentor-Protégé agreements provide a winning relationship for the protégé, the mentor, and DoD.

DoD and its procurement representatives, prime contractors, and SDBs, recently came together at the Annual DoD Mentor-Protégé Conference where 13 teams, composed of DoD prime contractors (the mentors) and SDBs (their protégés) were presented the 2001 Nunn-Perry Awards by Mr. David R. Oliver, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics. The award is named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn for his vision and insight in sponsoring legislation to create and

fund the DoD, Mentor-Protégé Program, and for former Defense Secretary William Perry for his commitment to implementation of the program. The recipients of the Nunn-Perry Award were selected based on each team's success in achieving cost efficiency, enhancing the protégé's technical capabilities, and increasing prime contracting and subcontracting awards to SDB firms.

International Technology Corporation, a member of the IT Group, has been recognized as a recipient of the Nunn-Perry for 3 consecutive years. Of those, the 1999 and 2001 awards went to agreements between IT and its protégés, Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc., and Mendelian Construction, Inc., (Mendelian) under Southwest Division (SWDIV) Remedial Action Contract N62474-93-D-2151.

The DoD Mentor-Protégé Program has had a tremendous impact on the success of this year's

IT Corporation/SWDIV winner, Mendelian, and DoD has realized significant returns on its investments. Mendelian has grown from a small, single-focused, company working as a subcontractor with annual revenues of \$2.5 million to a mature professional company that has taken on prime contracts with annual revenues projected at more than \$25 million.

Of particular benefit to SWDIV has been Mendelian's achievements in support of SWDIV's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) projects at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, California. Mendelian has increased its community involvement, thus investing in local resources. Many of these businesses are SDBs, which have few opportunities to participate in DoD projects. Mendelian has worked with the Young Community Developers and the Bay View Advocates to assist with increasing local community employment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Civil Engineer Corps Officers School (CECOS) is offering more than 60 different courses throughout the year. Take advantage of these free training opportunities for military personnel and expand your knowledge. Information on the CECOS course schedule and enrollment are available on the web at <http://www.cecos.navy.mil/>. To enroll in any class, submit a CECOS Fax Quota Request Form to the CECOS Registrar via fax (805) 982-2918. The Quota Request Form, as well as confirmation of receipt, may be obtained by contacting the Register at (805) 982-8295 or by fax at (805) 982-2918. You should register at least 3 weeks in advance to allow for adequate planning and to prevent course cancellation.

COMPLIANCE

Hazardous Waste Annual Refresher

14 June 2001	San Diego, California
19 July 2001	San Diego, California
9 August 2001	San Diego, California
13 September 2001	San Diego, California
14 September 2001	Port Hueneme, California

Hazardous Waste Generators/Handlers

11-13 June 2001	San Diego, California
16-18 July 2001	San Diego, California
13-15 August 2001	San Diego, California
10-12 September 2001	San Diego, California

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Advanced Environmental Law

6-9 August 2001	Port Hueneme, California
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Health & Environmental Risk Communication

14-16 August 2001	San Diego, California
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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Facilities Energy Management

27-31 August 2001	Southwest Region
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RESTORATION

HAZWOPER for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Site Workers

18-22 June 2001	San Diego, California
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HAZWOPER for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Site Workers Refresher

13 June 2001	Port Hueneme, California
2 August 2001	San Diego, California
3 August 2001	San Diego, California

ROICC

Construction Technology for Non-Engineers

9-13 July 2001	Port Hueneme, California
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Field Office Operations

25-6 June 2001	Port Hueneme, California
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REM PROGRAM

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energy manager in October 1999 to four full-time energy managers in March 2001. In its first year of operation, the Navy's REM program has reduced energy use and costs, improved the environment, and achieved self-sufficiency.

APPROACH

The approach to energy management implemented under the Navy's REM program consists of a holistic view of energy generation, distribution, and end use as an activity. By focusing on the behavioral and operational aspects of the energy end users and by working closely with building and utility operators, the REM program has been able to maximize savings in energy use and costs as well as the environmental benefits of energy efficiency efforts without impairing operations or employee safety, health, or morale.

RESULTS

In its first year, SWDIV's REM program has helped establish strong regional energy management policies and programs, helped drive down peak and baseload electric demands, identified and developed millions of dollars in energy projects, coordinated millions of dollars in demand-side management projects, and brought in more than \$1.5 million in grants and incentives through

implementation of no-cost and low-cost conservation initiatives.

Projects included innovative lighting and control retrofits, identification and correction of anomalies in usage, and development of an aggressive energy management program. Performance management was integrated into all aspects of each project to maximize the energy and cost savings generated.

The REM program has been asked to take the lead in obtaining the maximum Standard Performance Contract (SPC) incentives from the Public Utilities Commission for the demand-side management projects the Navy has implemented. The value of these SPCs received or reserved to date exceeds \$1.2 million, with an additional \$2 million targeted for 2001. The REM program is pursuing additional energy project grants and incentives under the State of California's "Summer 2001" and other programs.

The energy cost savings attributable to REM, either achieved or under way, total more than \$4.5 million. In addition to the cost savings, the energy savings achieved under REM were instrumental in the nomination of four of the eight Navy Region Southwest bases for the Secretary of the Navy Energy Award and for Federal Energy and Water Management Awards in February 2001.

By building on existing energy management programs and developing and implementing new programs to further reduce energy demands, the REM program has been able to help the Navy further improve the environment, reduce operating costs, and comply with the energy efficiency improvement goals outlined in Executive Order 13123 and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. In addition, the REM program has helped the Navy make its facilities and utility systems more efficient, operate and maintain them more efficiently, and put the management programs in place to ensure their continued efficient operation.

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CHEMICAL OXIDATION

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In light of the success of the pilot test, planning for full-scale remediation using in situ chemical oxidation is under way.

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50TH EL TORO RAB MEETING

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Mr. Greg Hurley, the RAB Community Co-chair, said, "The MCAS El Toro RAB is very professional, congenial and positive, and considering the political environment in this community, it is remarkable that the meetings have stayed focused on environmental issues rather than politics."

A plaque was also presented in the memory of Dr. Charles Bennett, formerly the RAB's Subcommittee Chair, who passed away in November 2000. Dr. Bennett served on the RAB from 1995 to 2000 as the key reviewer of numerous technical reports.

After the festivities, the RAB went back to work. RAB members focused on technical presentations that covered the Evaluation Work Plan for Site 1, the Explosives Ordnance Range, and the 30 Percent Design Submittal for the Sites 2 and 17 Landfills.

PLAQUE INSCRIPTION PRESENTED TO RAB MEMBERS

"Award of Appreciation for your contribution and dedication to the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro Restoration Advisory Board. Since 1994, the MCAS El Toro Restoration Advisory Board has served as a focal point between the base and the local community for the exchange of information regarding the MCAS El Toro environmental restoration program. Through your hard work and unwavering dedication, you have served your community by assuring the protection of human health and the environment while facilitating the rapid cleanup and conversion of MCAS El Toro. March 2001 – 50th RAB Meeting."

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARAR GUIDANCE DOCUMENT WORKSHOP

7 June 2001, San Diego, California

On June 7, 2001 from 900 to 1200 there was an ARARs Guidance Document Workshop presentation. The workshop was well received and attended by sixty of SWDIV environmental professionals that included EBLTL, BEC, LRPM, RPM, Contract RPM, and Counsel. Objectives of the workshop were to:

- To formally launch ARARs Guidance Document
- To highlight SWDIV positions on controversial ARARs issues
- To present Standard Text vs. guidance

**TRI-SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**

18 to 21 June 2001, San Diego, California

The Tri-Service Environmental Service Center Commanders Committee will host the fourth Tri-Service Environmental Technology Symposium. The theme will be "Environmental Technology: Support the Mission, Sustain the Environment." The symposium will focus on the military's continued emphasis on protecting resources while maintaining readiness and supporting military operations, installation management, and material development. Department of Defense personnel, as well as representatives of other federal agencies, federal contractors, academia, and industry are invited to attend.

For more information and on-line registration, visit the website at <http://www.ets-2001.com>.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY POLLUTION PREVENTION CONFERENCE

18 to 21 June 2001, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, and Waste Management Education and Research (WERE) invite you to participate in the 2001 Department of Energy (DOE) Pollution Prevention (P2) Conference, June 18 to 21, 2001, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference is designed to provide the tools for cost effective implementation of P2 requirements.

For more information and on-line registration, visit the website at http://www.doeal.gov/oepm/P2_index.htm.

NAVY POLLUTION PREVENTION CONFERENCE

19 to 21 June 2001, Arlington, Virginia

The theme of this year's 2001 Navy Pollution Prevention (P2) conference, sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations and is coordinated by Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, is "Navy P2, Building on Success." This conference addresses the successful efforts of the Navy in pollution prevention and acknowledges the need to continue environmental quality efforts. The conference will provide a forum to raise issues and share success stories and lessons learned. Attendance is limited to government employees and contractors with current Navy contracts. There is no registration fee for the conference.

For more information and registration on-line, please visit <http://web.dandp.com/n45/conferences/p2/> or contact Kathi Jones at (805) 982-4899 or joneskf@nfac.navy.mil.

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