

The Department of the Navy announces a Proposed Plan for Cleanup at Naval Fuel Depot Point Molate.

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites the public to comment on the Proposed Plan for Installation Restoration Site 1 Landfill (Site 1) located at the Naval Fuel Depot Point Molate, in Richmond, California. The Navy issued the Proposed Plan in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and has concurrence of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region.

Waste was disposed of at Site 1 between 1953 and 1979. The waste discarded at Site 1 was primarily construction debris and some oily waste from the fuel tank system at Point Molate. Site 1 has been extensively investigated and documented in Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports. In 2002, the Navy constructed a soil cap over the landfill to prevent direct contact with the waste, a drainage system to control surface water and groundwater, an oil/water separator to remove petroleum from the groundwater, and venting wells to release any methane gas generated by the waste.

The alternatives considered for the final remedial action at Site 1 are: Alternative 1 – no action; Alternative 2 – continued maintenance and monitoring of the landfill cap and other components, and institutional controls, which are legal restrictions on future activities at the site; and Alternative 3 – maintenance and monitoring activities as in Alternative 2, and the addition of a filtration system on the oil/water separator. The Proposed Plan recommends Alternative 3. The proposed filtration system would remove the remaining petroleum compounds from the water coming out of the oil/water separator, minimizing the potential exposure of humans and the environment to petroleum compounds.

30-Day Public Comment Period

The Navy is seeking public comment prior to making a final decision on the cleanup of Site 1. The 30-day public comment period is from July 21, 2004, to August 20, 2004. During this time, comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public meeting or written comments can be mailed and postmarked no later than August 20, 2004, to: NAVFACENGCOM Southwest Division, Attn: Michael Bloom, 1230 Columbia St., Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92101-8517. Comments may also be submitted during this period via e-mail at:

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Public Meeting

The Navy will present its Proposed Plan at a public meeting scheduled for August 4, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, (510) 620-6561.

For More Information

The public is encouraged to review the Proposed Plan document, as well as other site-related documents at the following information repositories: Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, (510) 620-6561, hours: M & Tu 3p.m. – 7 p.m., Wed. & Th. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., and Fri. & Sat. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. or Richmond Redevelopment Agency, 1401 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA, (510) 307-8140, hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. The Proposed Plan can also be reviewed on the Navy's Point Molate webpage at:

www.efdsww.navfac.navy.mil/Environmental/PointMolate.htm