



Work Notification

Field Activities in July-September 2003

Site 12 Housing Area, Treasure Island

July 10, 2003

Beginning the week of July 21, 2003 for about 6 weeks, the Navy will be conducting soil investigations throughout the common areas of the Site 12 Housing Area on Treasure Island. Between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays field crews will be working in the housing area.

What is the purpose of the soil investigations?

The Navy will investigate the landscaped areas surrounding the housing units. This consists of the open spaces outside of the buildings and fenced backyards. These areas were not included in the Site 12 Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that was issued in September 2002. The results of the common area investigation will be used to assist the Navy with making future environmental decisions for Site 12.

What does the fieldwork involve?

Approximately 600 investigative trenches will be excavated throughout the Site 12 common areas. Site activities will include field crews of 5 to 10 workers who will be using backhoes, mini-excavators, or similar equipment. The trenches are approximately 5 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 4 feet deep. Excavated soil and debris will be characterized through field observations and laboratory analysis before being trucked offsite in an approved manner. The trenches will be backfilled on the same day to restore the area.

Will there be any disturbances such as noise, dust, parking restrictions, and extra traffic?

Some noise will occur during excavation from equipment being used during work hours. Dust control measures will include keeping soil damp during trenching activities to minimize the generation of dust. The air will also be monitored for dust. Trucks transporting soil will be covered and are not expected to impact residential traffic and no street closures are planned. The community will be informed of any activities that may impact parking, traffic, or street closures. Underground utilities will be marked prior to beginning excavation; therefore, no service interruptions are planned.

What are the dates and time for the fieldwork?

Fieldwork is expected to take about 6 weeks beginning the week of July 21, 2003. Work will be conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during weekdays. The Navy will keep the community informed of any changes or developments that may impact the fieldwork schedule.

Site History.

The Treasure Island housing area consists of 904 housing units built on the northern part of the island from the 1960's to the 1980's. This area is identified in the Navy environmental documents as Site 12. When the island was originally constructed for the 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition most of this area was used as a parking lot for the fair. After the Navy took over in late 1940 and until the 1960's, the area remained largely open space and was used for bunker storage of munitions and other materials, vehicle and equipment storage, recreational playing fields, and disposal and burning of discarded materials.

During this period, the Navy generated a variety of waste materials from base operations on Treasure Island. Operations including training, demolition and construction of facilities, maintenance, transportation, and ship support. Before the existence of many of today's environmental laws governing the handling of waste materials, these materials were disposed of in several areas on Treasure Island. Disposed materials included debris such as wood, glass, metals and petroleum products. Some of this debris was also burned creating ash material. During grading for construction of the housing, debris was mixed with the soil and scattered through grading into portions of the housing area. The extent to which the debris was scattered was not known.

Who do I call for more information?

Please call Steve Edde, Navy Environmental Liaison, at (415) 743-4704; Jim Sullivan, Navy Base Environmental Coordinator, at (619) 532-0966; or John Baur of Shaw Environmental, Inc. at (415) 277-6981.