

**The Department of the Navy Announces a
Public Meeting and 30-Day Public Comment Period
On The Proposed Plan for
Site 13 Offshore Sediments
Naval Station Treasure Island**

The Department of the Navy (Navy) will hold a Public Meeting and invites public comment on the Proposed Plan for no action for Site 13 Offshore Sediments at the former Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco, California. The Navy issued the Proposed Plan pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to ensure that the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed no action for Site 13, Offshore Sediments.

Treasure Island (TI) is located in the central San Francisco Bay region, just north of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It resides within the City and County of San Francisco. TI was built in 1936 and 1937 and was used initially for the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939. TI was leased to the Navy in 1941 and the Navy gained title to TI in 1943. Naval operations were shut down in 1997. Reuse of the property is currently coordinated by the City of San Francisco.

The offshore investigation area was defined as Site 13, consisting of approximately 538 acres of offshore sediments. Environmental data collected at Site 13 between 1992 and 2002 were used to determine the extent of contamination in the offshore sediments and evaluate potential risks to the environment. During these investigations, offshore sediment, storm drain sediment, storm water, and porewater were sampled for chemical analyses. Investigation results were used to conduct an ecological risk assessment that concluded that offshore sediments at Site 13 did not pose an unacceptable risk to the environment.

The Navy has issued a Proposed Plan and is seeking public comment before making a final decision. The Proposed Plan calls for no action at the Site 13 Offshore Sediments Area. Federal and state regulatory agencies concur with this Proposed Plan.

30-Day Public Comment Period

The Navy will hold a **30-day public comment period through April 30, 2004**. During this time, comments on the Proposed Plan will be accepted. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public meeting, date and time listed below, or you can mail written comments **postmarked no later than April 30, 2004** to:

NAVFACENGCOM Southwest Division
Attn: Ms. La Rae Landers

1230 Columbia St., Suite 1100
San Diego, California 92101-8517
Or e-mail: larae.landars@navy.mil no later than April 30, 2004.

Public comments received during this period, or in person at the public meeting will be considered in the final decision-making process for Site 13.

Public Meeting

The Navy will present its Proposed Plan during a public meeting scheduled:

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2004
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Casa de la Vista, Building 271, Treasure Island

The Navy will provide visual displays and information on the environmental investigations conducted for Site 13. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and formally comment on the Navy's Proposed Plan for no action.

For More Information

The public is encouraged to review the Proposed Plan document, as well as other site-related documents, at the information repositories located at:

San Francisco Public Library
Government Publications Section
100 Larkin Street (at Grove Street)
San Francisco CA 94102
(415) 557-4400

Navy Southwest Detachment
410 Palm Avenue, Building 1, Room 161
Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA 94120
(415) 743-4704
M - F 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Or the Proposed Plan can be viewed on the Navy's Treasure Island webpage at: <http://www.efds.w.navy.mil/Environmental/TreasureIsland.htm>.