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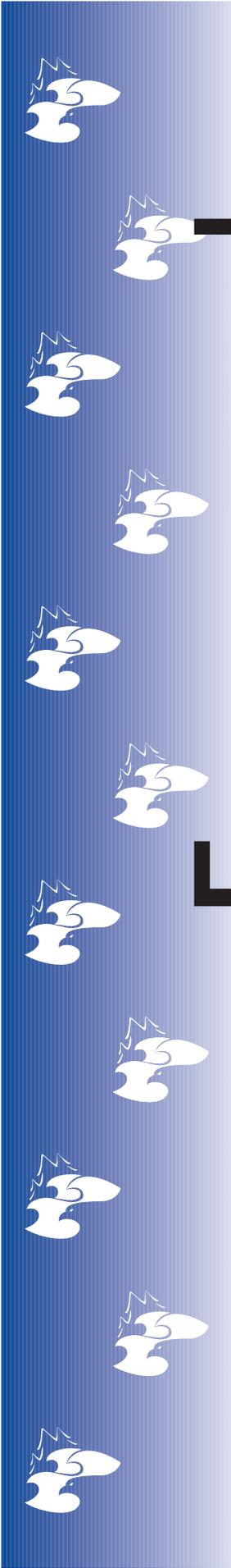
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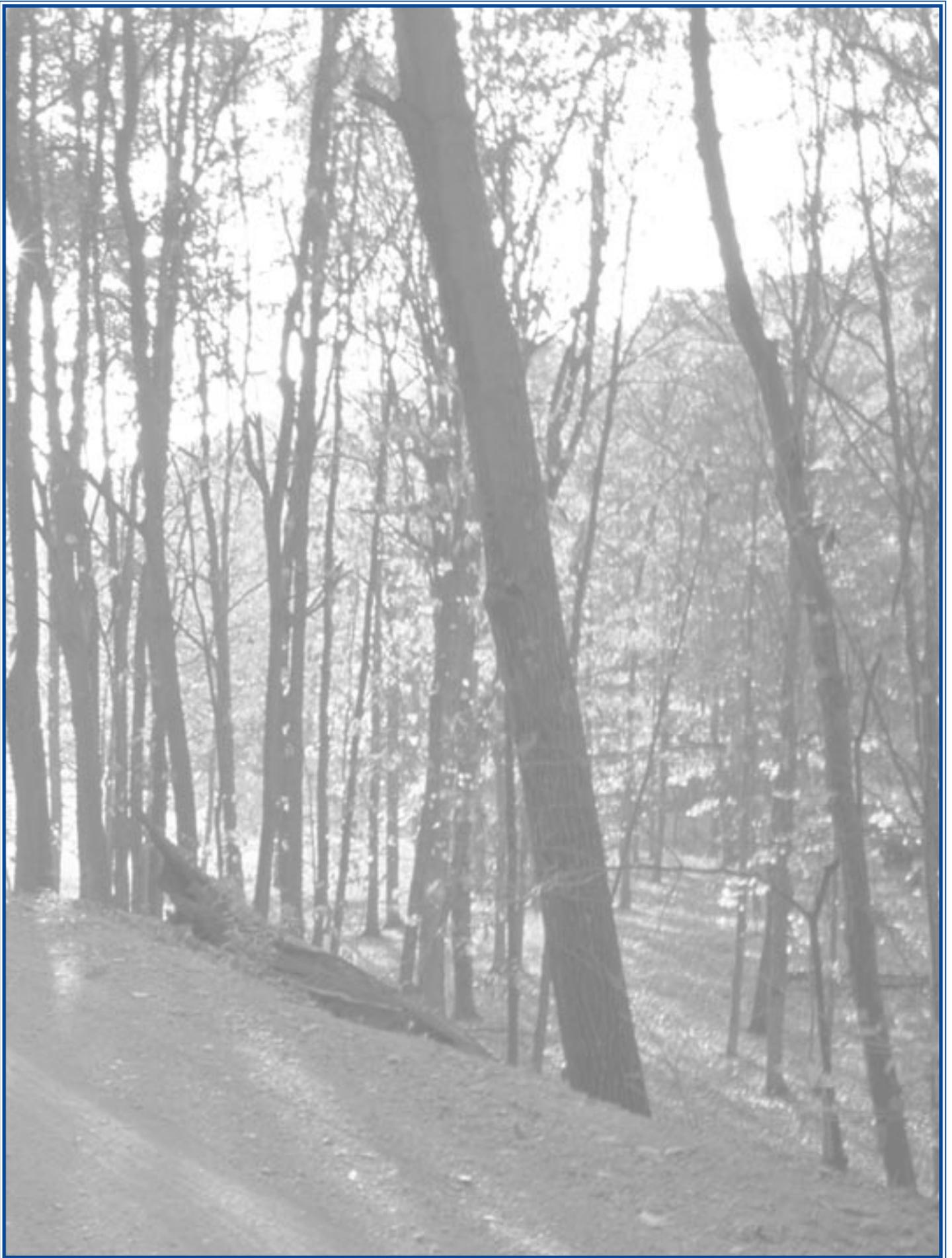
The Department of the Navy's stewardship of its vast land holdings is an integral part of its commitment to serve the people of the United States and to defend the freedom of the seas for today and tomorrow. For more than 20 years, the Navy forged a greater awareness of the environmental impacts of its work. Looking ahead to greater demands, we made environmental responsibility part of our calling. This includes environmental training and improved business practices to prevent future contamination, as well as a commitment to obtain the technology and expertise to deal with potential and actual contamination from past operations.

Restoring sites to a condition that protects human health and the environment is the goal of the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program. Understanding the interdependence of the environment and our mission is key to our future, and we must keep these two elements in our vision not only for our personnel and the neighbors of our many installations, but also for the simple, inherent value of preserving and enhancing healthy ecosystems and a better world wherever possible. Once we have achieved our cleanup goals, some of these Navy holdings will be returned to local communities to promote viable economic reuse. We keep this goal in sight throughout the planning and cleanup process.

This edition of our Five-Year Plan offers some new twists. In the first few chapters we readdress our mission, its history, and recent developments and successes. We also outline our plans through fiscal year 2003 and give some insight into our commitment to reach our restoration goals. The core of this volume, Chapter 5, offers its trademark in-depth data on all of our sites across the U.S. and its territories, but in a revised format that we hope will prove easier and faster to use.

Your interest in the Navy's ongoing environmental cleanup program is appreciated and encouraged. We welcome this opportunity to introduce you to our people, the installations, and the technologies involved in this task. Take some time to visit our web site at www.enviro.navy.mil/ if you desire additional information.

We continue to plan, prioritize, and carry out this program in open dialogue with the public and regulators, focused on achieving optimum results with all possible speed. Through the SMART cleanup approach to environmental restoration, we can indeed restore the future.





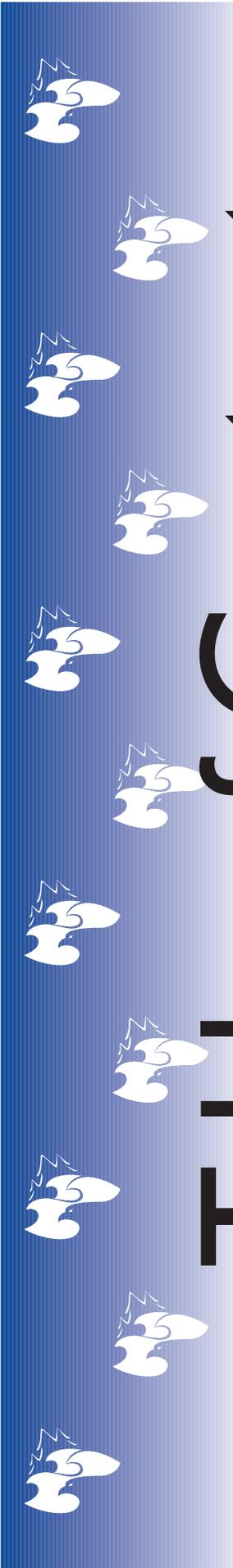


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Goals

Goals of the Environmental Restoration Program

- ✓ Comply fully with federal, state, and local requirements.
- ✓ Act immediately to eliminate human exposure to contamination that poses an imminent threat, including removing or containing the contamination.
- ✓ Across the nation, first clean up sites posing the greatest risk to human health and the environment.
- ✓ Develop partnerships with EPA, state, and local regulatory agencies.
- ✓ Involve the local community through Restoration Advisory Boards. Encourage participation with timely information and opportunities for public comment, and take all comments into account when making decisions.



- ✓ Expedite the cleanup process and demonstrate a commitment to action.
- ✓ Consider current, planned and future land use when developing cleanup strategies.