

BRUNSWICK NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK, MAINE

Engineering Field Division/Activity: NORTHDIV
 Major Claimant: CINCLANTFLT
 Size: 7,259 Acres
 Funding to Date: \$44,133,000
 Estimated Funding to Complete: \$14,750,000



Base Mission: Provides facilities, services, materials and aircraft for submarine warfare

Contaminants: Benzene, dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane, PCBs, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, xylene, volatile organic compounds

Number of Sites:		Relative Risk Ranking of Sites:			
CERCLA:	17	High:	5	Not Evaluated:	0
RCRA Corrective Action:	0	Medium:	2	Not Required:	10
RCRA UST:	3	Low:	3		
Total Sites:	20				

NPL	
Sites Response Complete: 10	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brunswick Naval Air Station (NAS) is located within the town of Brunswick, Maine, approximately two miles east of the city's main business district, in Cumberland County, Maine, five miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean and consist of 7,259 acres. The air station was commissioned in April 1943 and its size and mission grew during the 1940's and 1950's. The station's current mission is to provide facilities, services, materials, and aircraft for submarine warfare. Typical station operations that contributed to contaminated sites on the facility include operation of an all-weather air station, intermediate aircraft maintenance, material support for maintenance, aircraft fueling services, and explosive ordnance storage and disposal. Prominent site types at the installation include landfills, a groundwater plume, and two Underground Storage Tank (UST) sites. The media most affected by contamination are groundwater and soil. Current operations at the station include pollution prevention technologies to prevent further contamination. The installation was placed on the National Priorities List in July 1987. A Federal Facility Agreement was signed in 1989 between the Navy and EPA, and revised in 1990 to include the state of Maine.

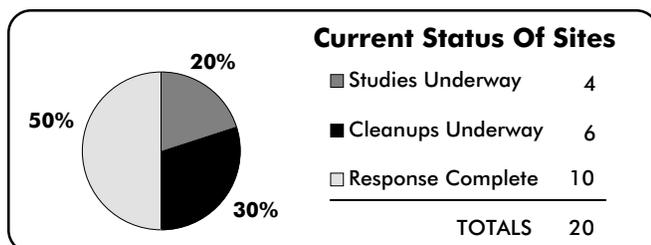
In the developed portion of the base, most of the natural drainage is directed to the storm sewer system. The potential for migration of contaminants to groundwater is enhanced by the high permeability of surface soils. Because of this, contaminants introduced at the surface rapidly enter the groundwater system. Brunswick NAS contains a significant amount of undeveloped areas, both natural woodlands and wetlands. Several endangered animal species may be present in the state of Maine, but none are known to be in the vicinity of the air station.

A Technical Review Committee was formed in February 1988, and met regularly until it was converted to a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in FY95. The first RAB meeting was held on July 19, 1995. Another community group, known as the Brunswick Area Citizens for a Safe Environment, is also active at Brunswick NAS. The Community Relations Plan (CRP) is

presently being updated and is scheduled to be completed in FY98. An Administrative Record and an Information Repository were established in August 1987.

There are 20 IR sites with four in the study phase. Ten of the 20 IR sites at the NAS were established with an Initial Assessment Study (IAS), equivalent to a Preliminary Assessment (PA), in FY83. Nine additional sites were added with PAs between FY84 and FY95. One site, Site 17, was added without a PA; it started with a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) phase in FY92. Site 10 was transferred out of the Brunswick's Installation Restoration Program into the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) program following the IAS. Site Inspections have been completed for 17 sites; 13 sites in FY85 and five more between FY91 and FY95. Nine of the seventeen active IR sites have completed the RI/FS phase; 8 completed in FY91, Site 11 in FY96 and Site 2 in FY97. The other three sites will complete the RI/FS by FY00. Seven sites completed Remedial Design (RD) in FY93 and Site 3 is planned for completion in FY99. Five sites were Response Complete by FY95. An additional three sites (Site 5, 6, and 8) were Response Complete in 1996. There are three RCRA UST sites at Brunswick NAS. One site completed all cleanup work in FY95. The other two UST sites, complete scheduled cleanup in FY00.

Innovative technologies are being employed, along with conventional cleanup practices, in the restoration of a major contamination concern, the Eastern Plume (Sites 4, 11 and 13). The Eastern Plume is a groundwater plume of dissolved organic solvents, primarily TCA and TCE. An Interim Remedial Action for the sites, started in September 1993, consists of extraction, treatment and discharge of the contaminated groundwater. For treatment, the extracted groundwater will be precipitated and filtered to remove iron and manganese, then treated by ultraviolet light and oxidation to remove organic solvents, and then discharged into the public Wastewater Treatment Plant. Following treatment, Long Term Monitoring will continue. At Site 13, in addition to the groundwater treatment, three underground waste storage tanks were removed and replaced with new tanks. Down-gradient monitoring wells have shown decreasing VOC levels since the tank removals and Site 13 is no longer considered a major contributor to the plume.



BRUNSWICK NAS RELEVANT ISSUES

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK



HYDROGEOLOGY - Both surface water and groundwater are important at the station. Contaminants can be transported to streams via surface runoff or can infiltrate into the ground and enter the groundwater system. In the developed portions of the base, most of the natural drainage is directed to the storm sewer system. In the undeveloped portions of the facility, runoff enters the surface watershed system. Surface water from the station ultimately flows to nearby wetlands or to the Androscoggin River. The Androscoggin River is the major surface water body in the Brunswick area and one of three major Maine rivers to flow into the Atlantic Ocean. At its closest point, the Androscoggin River is approximately 3,000 feet from the northern boundary of the air station. Groundwater in the Brunswick area occurs both in unconsolidated sediments and in underlying bedrock. The potential for migration of contaminants to groundwater is enhanced by the high permeability of surface soils and the shallowness of the bedrock. Because of these factors, contaminants introduced at the surface will enter the groundwater system rapidly. The direction and flow of the migration is determined by the structural orientation of the fractures in the bedrock. The most productive aquifers in the area are in the unconsolidated sand and gravel aquifers. The aquifers in bedrock produce a limited quantity of groundwater in wells and the groundwater in the bedrock aquifers is under local artesian pressure, which limits the downward migration. The two bedrock wells on the air station are no longer in use.



NATURAL RESOURCES - Brunswick Naval Air Station (NAS) contains a significant amount of undeveloped, natural areas. These are predominantly woodlands. Roughly 45% of the base is managed as a forest. Much of the area surrounding the air station is also undeveloped. The woodlands afford a suitable habitat for a variety of animals, including deer, squirrel, moose and migratory birds. In the southern area of the base, there are about 90 acres of wetlands and the area immediately south of the station is comprised of tidal coves and wetlands. The tidal wetlands are an ecologically important area used by a variety of aquatic and terrestrial animals. Several endangered animal species may be present in the state of Maine, but none are known to be in the vicinity of the air station.



RISK - A baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) was performed as part of the Remedial Investigation (RI). The findings were: Sites 1 and 3 (the Landfill Plume) and Sites 4, 11 and 13 (the Eastern Plume) presented a public health risk for groundwater contamination, Sites 8 and 9 presented a health risk for soil and sediment contamination, and Sites 1, 3, 8 and 9 presented a risk due to leachate/sediment contamination.

DOD's Relative Risk Ranking system was used to rank the risk factors for all the sites on the installation in FY95. Five of the 20 sites at the installation received a high relative risk ranking. Groundwater contamination is listed as a concern driving the high risk ranking for all five sites. The reason for the high groundwater rating was the potential for the contaminants migrating into drinking water wells, and in some cases the groundwater had the potential for off-base migration. Three of the five sites had additional high rating for surface water contamination and one site (Site 9, a former disposal site) also had a high ranking for sediment.

The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) performed an initial site scoping visit in April 1991. At that time, ATSDR projected initiating the Health Assessment in FY94, but it has not been performed and no new date has been set.

REGULATORY ISSUES



NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST - The installation was placed on the NPL on 22 July 1987 with a Hazard Ranking System score of 43.38. The driving force for placement on the NPL were seven areas, including landfills, storage and disposal sites, where pesticides, solvents and waste oils threatened groundwater, surface water and adjacent wetlands.



LEGAL AGREEMENTS - A Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) was signed in 1989 by the EPA and the Department of the Navy (DON). In 1990, this FFA was revised to include the state of Maine.



PARTNERING - No formal partnering arrangement is in place at Brunswick NAS.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD - A Technical Review Committee (TRC) was formed in February 1988 and held regular meetings until it was converted to a RAB in FY95. The first RAB meeting was held on July 19, 1995. The RAB has 24 members, including community members. In addition to the regular quarterly RAB meetings, the Navy schedules technical meetings with the RAB to expedite decision-making and site management. Additional public meetings and fact sheets for public certification started in the FY90 time frame.

A community group known as the Brunswick Area Citizens for a Safe Environment sought out a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) from EPA with which they hired a consultant (Gerber Associates of Freeport, Maine) to provide public oversight of the Navy's environmental remediation actions. This group also participates in TRC meetings and produces a public newsletter. This was the first TAG for a DOD installation.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN - The CRP was completed and released to the public in September 1988. Brunswick NAS is currently updating the CRP and it will be completed in FY 98.



INFORMATION REPOSITORY - An Administrative Record and an Information Repository were established in August 1987. The Information Repository is located at the Brunswick Curtis Memorial Library.

BRUNSWICK NAS HISTORICAL PROGRESS

FY81

UST 1 - The first site, a RCRA Underground Storage Tank (UST) site was identified during an Initial Site Characterization (ISC), equivalent to a Preliminary Assessment (PA).

FY83

Sites 1-10 - An Initial Assessment Study (IAS), equivalent to a PA, was completed. Ten sites were identified as potentially contaminated areas and all were recommended for further study.

Site 10 - Site 10 (Harpsswell Fuel Depot) was dropped from the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and was transferred to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). It does not belong to Brunswick NAS.

FY84

Sites 11-13 - These sites were added to the IRP based on information in the IAS completed in FY84. At Site 11, Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene (BTEX) was detected in the groundwater and propellant and chlorinated solvents were detected in the soils. Also during investigation, four buried drums containing unknown liquids were found at the site. At Site 12, nitrates and nitrites were found only in the surface soils. At Site 13, pesticides were found in surface soils, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and BTEX detected in the groundwater.

FY85

Sites 1-9 and 11-13 - Site Inspections (SIs) were completed and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Studies (RI/FSs) were started for 12 sites.

FY90

Site 17 - NAS Brunswick submitted an Engineering Service Request (ESR) to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northern Division (NORTHDIV) to demolish the former Pesticide Shop, Building 95 (Site 17), and determine if any environmental cleanup was necessary.

UST 2 - The second UST site (UST 2) was identified during an ISC and began a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) the same year.

FY91

Site 14 - Site 14 was added as a new site and has completed a PA, SI and RI/FS phase. A geophysical survey using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and a magnetometer failed to reveal any indication of the existence of a dump. Based on the results of the investigation completed in August 1991, no further investigation was recommended for this site.

FY92

Sites 1, 3, 4, 11 and 13 - Two Records of Decision (RODs) were signed between the EPA and the Department of the Navy (DON) in June 1992. The first ROD, for Sites 1 and 3 (landfills), is for Long Term Monitoring (LTM), which will continue through FY98. The second ROD was for an Interim Remedial Action (IRA) for soil removal, capping and soil vapor treatment, at the Eastern Plume Groundwater Operable Unit (OU), OU1 (Sites 4, 11, and 13).

Sites 15 and 16 - An SI was started for these newly discovered, potential sites.

Site 17 - As part of the RI/FS, sampling was performed at Site 17. The pesticide DDT was found in the soil and in unfiltered groundwater. Once filtered, the groundwater did not contain DDT, indicating that the DDT in the groundwater adheres to the sediment particles and can be filtered out. A Non-Time Critical Removal Action was planned to remove the contaminated soil to an off-site incinerator.

USTs 1 and 2 - The CAP phase, equivalent to an RI/FS, completed for USTs 1 and 2.

FY93

Sites 5, 6 and 8 - RODs were signed for Sites 5 and 6, and Site 8 in August 1993.

Sites 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 - RD phases were completed and RA phases, including Final Remedial Actions (FRAs), were started for five sites. At Sites 1 and 3, the FRA will be capping; Sites 5, 6 and 8 will have soil removal actions as the FRA.

Sites 4, 11 and 13 - An RD was completed and the RA phase started. The RA phase was completed in FY95. An IRA started in September 1993, will consist of extraction, treatment and discharge of the contaminated groundwater. It also includes LTM which will continue.

Site 17 - The RI/FS and RD phases were completed and the RA phase, along with a FRA for soil incineration, were started. An Environmental Engineering Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was completed 29 November 1992, and the Action Memorandum was signed 12 April 1993.

UST 1 - Five of the seven tanks at the site were removed; the Design (DES) phase was completed; the Implementation (IMP) phase was started and a pilot air sparging system was installed at UST 1 (Fuel Farms).

UST 2 - Three tanks were removed; the DES phase and the IMP phase were started and a pilot air sparging system was installed at UST 2 (Navy Exchange Service Station).

FY94

Site 17 - A removal action was completed at Site 17 in June 1994.

Site 18 - Site 18 was added as a new site following a completed PA. SI phase also completed FY94.

UST 1 - The final two tanks were removed from UST 1.

UST 2 - At the Navy Exchange Service Station, UST 2, the Navy completed pilot operation and began full-scale operation of an air-sparging system to remediate petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in soils.

FY95

Sites 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 - Began construction of a landfill cap at Sites 1 and 3. Excavated material at Sites 5, 6, 8 and 11 and placed it under the cap at Sites 1 and 3.

Sites 1, 3, 4, 11 and 13 - Completed construction of a groundwater pump and treat system using ultra-violet (UV) oxidation for Sites 1, 3, 4, 11 and 13. Performed three rounds of monitoring at these sites, and Site 17. As part of the RA at sites 1 & 3, and as part of the IRA at sites 4, 11 and 13 groundwater monitoring will continue.

Site 9 - An IRA phase started. As part of the IRA, groundwater monitoring will continue. Performed source investigations at disposal site where incinerator ash, solvents, paint sludges, and refuse are present in trenches.

Site 17 - Completed a soil removal action for soil contaminated with the pesticide DDT at Site 17 (Former Pesticide Shop Bldg. 95), where DDT contamination was detected in soils and unfiltered groundwater samples. As part of the IRA, groundwater monitoring will continue.

Sites 1 and 3 - Completed landfill caps.

UST 2 - The IMP phase and three FRAs for groundwater treatment, soil vapor treatment and bio-remediation were completed for UST 2.

UST 1 - The IMP phase and three FRAs for groundwater treatment, soil vapor treatment and bio-remediation were completed at UST 1.

FY96

Sites 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 - RA phase and FRAs were completed and three (Sites 5, 6, 8) of the five sites had a Response Complete (RC). The Remedial Action Construction phase was completed Sites 1 and 3. As part of the FY95 Remedial Action Operations (RAO) phase operation of the groundwater treatment system is continuing.

Sites 4, 11 and 13 - As part of the FY95 Interim Remedial Action (IRA), operation of the groundwater treatment system is continuing.

Site 17 - As part of the FY95 IRA, groundwater monitoring is continuing. Updating the CRP and a final ROD for the Eastern Groundwater Plume was started in

Site 11 - RI/FS was completed.

UST 1 - The IMP and IRA were completed.

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PROGRESS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1997**

FY97

UST 1 - Long term operations continued.
Sites 11 and 13 - Long term operations continued.

Site 2 - RI/FS completed.
Site 4 - RAO completed.
Site 13 - RA completed.
Sites 4 and 13 - Response Complete.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

FY98

Site 2 - Final ROD for LTM under CERCLA will be implemented and a LTM Plan will be written.
Sites 4, 11 and 13 (FY95) - The final ROD for the Eastern Plume for groundwater treatment will be completed.
Sites 1 and 17 - Complete Removal Action.
Site 17 - As part of the IRA, groundwater monitoring is continuing.

FY99

Site 9 - The Navy plans a final ROD
Sites 9 and 17 - Complete RI/FS.
Site 3 - Complete RD.
Site 11 - Complete Removal Action.

PROGRESS AND PLANS

CERCLA	FY96 and before	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03 and after
PA / SI	17							
RI / FS	9	1		2	2			
RD	7			1				
RAC	6	1				1	1	
RAO		1						6
IRA	4(4)		2(2)	1(1)		1(1)		
RC	7	2			2			6
Cumulative % RC	41%	53%	53%	53%	65%	65%	65%	100%
UST	FY96 and before	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03 and after
SA	1							
CAP	2							
DES	2							
IMP	2							
IMO					2			
IRA	1(1)							
RC	1				2			
Cumulative % RC	33%	33%	33%	33%	100%	100%	100%	100%

CUTLER NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATION CUTLER, MAINE

Engineering Field Division/Activity: NORTHDIV
 Major Claimant: COMNAVCOMTELCOM
 Size: 3,000 Acres
 Funding to Date: \$323,000
 Estimated Funding to Complete: \$11,888,000



Base Mission: Provides navigation support for Navy vessels in the North Atlantic

Contaminants: Electrolyte, scrap metal, solvents, paint, POLs

Number of Sites:

CERCLA: 3
 RCRA Corrective Action: 0
 RCRA UST: 0
 Total Sites: 3

Relative Risk Ranking of Sites:

High: 2 Not Evaluated: 0
 Medium: 1 Not Required: 0
 Low: 0

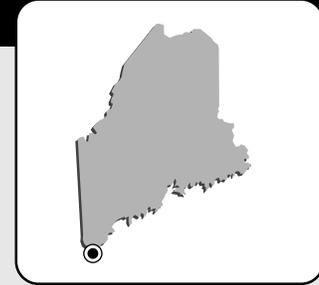
Sites Response Complete: 0	

PROGRESS AND PLANS

CERCLA	FY96 and before	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03 and after
PA / SI	2							1
RI / FS							1	2
RD							1	2
RAC								3
RAO								3
IRA								
RC								3
Cumulative % RC	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, KITTERY KITTERY, MAINE

Engineering Field Division/Activity: NORTHDIV
 Major Claimant: COMNAVSEASYSKOM
 Size: 278 Acres
 Funding to Date: \$17,627,000
 Estimated Funding to Complete: \$89,867,000



Base Mission: Maintains, repairs and overhauls nuclear submarines
 Contaminants: Heavy metals, PCBs, pesticides, volatile organic compounds

Number of Sites:		Relative Risk Ranking of Sites:			
CERCLA:	17	High:	10	Not Evaluated:	0
RCRA Corrective Action:	16	Medium:	0	Not Required:	19
RCRA UST:	0	Low:	4		
Total Sites:	33				

NPL	
Sites Response Complete: 19	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS), Portsmouth, New Hampshire is situated on Seavey Island in the Piscataqua River, a tidal estuary that is the boundary between New Hampshire and Maine and consist of 278 acres. The shipyard is about 50 miles north of Boston, Massachusetts, and 50 miles south of Portland, Maine. The shipyard is actually located in Kittery, Maine about one mile northeast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Portsmouth is the largest center of population in the local area. The mission of PNS is servicing the fleet of nuclear propulsion, fleet ballistic missile and attack submarines. Shipyard activities conducted in mechanical, structural, electrical/electronic, and public works shops contributed to the contamination. The shipyard was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 1994.

The current shipyard was created by filling in the areas between four small islands to create one large island near the mouth of Portsmouth Harbor in the Piscataqua River. Portsmouth, as a coastal area, has a complex hydrological environment. There are three ecological environments based on the salinity of the water. The marine ecosystem has a relatively high salt content. An estuarine ecosystem has a salinity which is highly variable depending on the tidal state and precipitation. The third environment, a freshwater ecosystem, has a very low salinity.

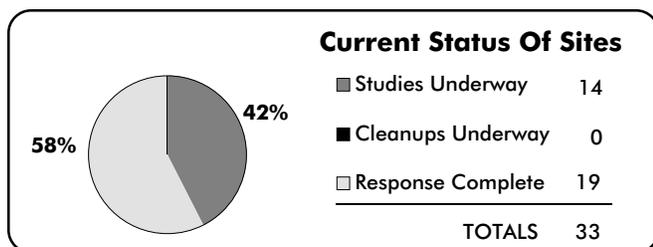
The Piscataqua River is part of the Great Bay Estuary. Ecological receptors specifically include lobster, shellfish, finfish, and other benthic fauna and flora. The presence of metals, oils, grease, the chemical additive PCB, cyanides, and phenols have been detected in sediment and surface water. The river, as part of the estuary, is a resource of tremendous value. The waters surrounding the shipyard are Class SB-1 which requires the water to be suitable for water contact recreation and fishing. Current use of the area includes recreational and commercial fishing, lobstering, clamming, oystering and boating.

There are no known federal or state endangered species in the area, however, the Great Bay is a wintering area for large numbers of waterfowl. Undevel-

oped areas serve as rookeries for birds, while mudflats around the islands provide feeding areas. The shipyard is a highly-developed industrial property and is unattractive for most species of wildlife. Because it is a small highly-developed island, the shipyard has very little natural surface runoff. An extensive storm water or collection system has been constructed at the shipyard, and most surface runoff is conveyed through the storm system to specific outlets into the Piscataqua River.

A Technical Review Committee (TRC) was established in 1987 and was converted into a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in FY95. There are twenty RAB members. The PNS RAB held its first public meeting in August 1995. Prior to establishing the RAB, four meetings were held for a site tour and to provide information to the new participants in the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at Portsmouth and the role of the RAB members. An Information Repository was set up in 1987 at the Rice Public Library in Kittery, Maine and the Portsmouth Public Library in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

At the end of FY97, 11 of the 33 sites at PNS were in the study phase, and 19 are Response Complete (RC). In FY95, a draft Feasibility Study (FS) Report for 11 of the 13 Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) was submitted to the EPA and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP). Based on review comments received, a no further action decision document was signed for four sites, and additional information is necessary to characterize the extent of offshore migration at four SWMUs. Additional site characterization at two SWMUs is necessary due to regulatory concerns and historical information found by PNS indicating the sites are perhaps larger than originally believed.



PORTSMOUTH NSY, KITTERY RELEVANT ISSUES

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK



HYDROGEOLOGY - Portsmouth, as a coastal area, has a complex hydrological environment consisting of three ecological environments based on the salinity of the water. The three ecological environments are a marine ecosystem with a relatively high salt content, an estuarine ecosystem with salinity which is highly variable depending on the tidal state and precipitation, and a freshwater ecosystem with very low salinity. The marine ecosystem begins in the vicinity of the shipyard and goes eastward into the Atlantic Ocean. The estuarine ecosystem abuts the marine ecosystem and reaches inland into Great Bay. The boundary between the two is indistinct and dependent on freshwater input and tidal flux. The freshwater ecosystem is entirely in the stream regime that feeds the bays and estuaries. The boundary between the estuarine and freshwater ecosystems is also indistinct for the same reasons. The harbor is in the marine ecosystem. Because it is a small highly-developed island, the shipyard has very little natural surface runoff. An extensive storm water collection system has been constructed at the Shipyard, and most surface runoff is conveyed through the storm water system to specific outlets into the Piscataqua River.



NATURAL RESOURCES - The Piscataqua River is part of the Great Bay Estuary. There are five main habitats in the Estuary; eelgrass, mudflats (unvegetated), salt marshes, channel, and shellfish (part of other habitats). Ecological receptors specifically include lobster, shellfish, finfish, and other benthic fauna and flora. The presence of metals, oils, grease, the chemical additive PCB, cyanides, and phenols have been detected. Sediment and surface water have been impacted. The river, as part of the estuary, is a resource of tremendous value. Current use of the area includes recreational and commercial fishing, lobstering, clamming, oystering and boating.

There are no known federal or state endangered species in the area; however, the Great Bay is a wintering area for large numbers of waterfowl. Undeveloped areas serve as rookeries for birds, while mudflats around the islands provide feeding areas. The shipyard is a highly-developed industrial property and is unattractive for most species of wildlife.



RISK - A Human Health Risk Assessment was finalized for both on-shore and off-shore studies. The on-shore risk assessment found only three sites which exceed EPA's acceptable human health risk range based on current use scenarios. The Human Health Risk Assessment for off-shore exposure identified a number of risks based on recreational and subsistence fishing.

An Ecological Risk Assessment was developed for the Piscataqua River and Great Bay Estuary to determine the extent of ecological risk posed by PNS on these environments. Development of Preliminary Remedial Goals (PRGs) or Media Protection Standards in RCRA was begun. The offshore assessment has been coordinated by the Navy Marine Environmental Support Office (MESO) and has required the development of sampling and analytical methodologies for use in the marine environment, particularly regarding achieving low level detection of chemicals for sediment, surface water and biota.

Three sites and seven Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) have received a high relative risk ranking using the DoD Relative Risk Ranking System. One of the sites was used to incinerate wastes. Exposure can occur through contact with soils and groundwater in the area which flows to the Piscataqua River. The second site was used for galvanizing and metal cleaning. This site is now a Navy welding school. Although there is a potential for the wastes to leach into the groundwater, dermal contact with the soils is of the greatest concern. The third site is Topeka Pier landfill and salvage area. Exposure can occur through contact with soil and groundwater. Seven SWMUs have a high relative risk ranking because metals, oils, and solvents can migrate via surface and groundwater and to the shellfish and biota in the Piscataqua River. Four of the SWMUs are Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), two are landfills, and one is an area where an oil pipeline ruptured.

REGULATORY ISSUES



NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST - PNS was proposed for the National Priorities List (NPL) in June 1993 with a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score of 67.70. It was listed on the NPL on 31 May 1994.



LEGAL AGREEMENTS - A Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) with EPA and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) is under negotiation. A Site Management Plan (SMP) is being developed as a project management tool.



PARTNERING - During FY96, PNS fostered partnering by including EPA, the MEDEP, and Natural Resource Trustees early in the decision-making process. EPA has been closely consulted to ensure smooth transition from the RCRA Corrective Action Program to a CERCLA cleanup program. During FY97, partnering expanded to include RAB members and the TAG consultant at technical meetings.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD - A Technical Review Committee (TRC) was established in 1987 and was converted into a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in FY95. There are twenty members on the RAB including representatives from the community, Navy, Natural Resources Trustees from Maine and New Hampshire, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, EPA Region 1 and Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The PNS RAB held its first public meeting in August 1995. Prior to establishing the RAB, four meetings were held for a site tour and to provide information to the new participants in the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at Portsmouth and the role of the RAB members.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN - The Community Relations Plan (CRP) was established in FY93 and was updated during FY 97 to reflect the current informational needs of the community.



INFORMATION REPOSITORY - An Administrative Record and two Information Repositories were established in 1987. The Information Repositories are located at the Rice Public Library in Kittery, Maine and the Portsmouth Public Library in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

PORTSMOUTH NSY, KITTERY HISTORICAL PROGRESS

FY83

Sites 1-4 - An Initial Assessment Study (IAS), equivalent to a Preliminary Assessment (PA), was completed in June 1983 at PNS which identified a total of four potentially contaminated sites. The study concluded that none of the sites posed an immediate threat to human health or to the environment. However, these sites went on to further study.

Site 1 - The IAS recommended Site 1 (Jamaica Island Landfill) for further investigation based on migration potential to the surrounding Harbor waters. The remaining sites were recommended for no further investigation.

FY86

Sites 1-4 - A Confirmation Study (CS), equivalent to a Site Inspection (SI), was completed in May 1986. The CS addressed Site AA (Site 1 in the IAS) and Site BB (Defense Property Disposal Office (DPDO) Scrapyard) which was identified during the Department of the Navy (DON) review of the IAS. The CS recommended actions were postponed because the EPA was conducting a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA), which was completed in July 1986. The RFA renamed the four previously identified sites as Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs). All remediation work is now being conducted under RCRA Corrective Action rather than CERCLA.

SWMUs 1-28 - An EPA Region I contractor completed an RFA at PNS in July 1986. The assessment identified 28 SWMUs. A RCRA/Hazardous Solid Waste Amendment (HSWA) permit required additional investigation at 13 SWMUs (5, 6, 8-13, 16, 21, 23, 26 and 27). The remaining SWMUs (1-4, 7, 14, 15, 17-20, 22, 24, 25 and 28) were recommended for No Further Action (NFA) after the RFA.

FY89

SWMUs 5, 6, 8-13, 16, 21, 23, 26 and 27 - A RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) was conducted for the 13 SWMUs identified in the HSWA permit.

FY90

SWMUs 6, 8 and 9 - Phase I RFI field work was conducted.

SWMUs 5, 6, 8-10 and 27 - Phase II RFI consisted of a groundwater evaluation; a baseline sediment study of the Piscataqua River; additional studies at SWMUs 6, 8 and 9; and initial studies at SWMUs 5, 10, 27 and the River.

FY91

SWMUs 5, 6, 8-13, 16, 21, 23, 26 and 27 - The draft RFI Work Plan was submitted for regulatory review in November 1989 and was finalized in April 1991. Phase III RFI included additional surface soil and groundwater sampling at SWMUs 6, 8, 9, 27, the Day Care Center and the Freshwater Ponds. Phase IV RFI consisted of subsurface excavation at SWMUs 8 and 9; a seismic refraction survey; additional monitoring wells at SWMUs 6, 8 and 26, additional soil sampling at all SWMUs and a comprehensive air monitoring study.

FY92

SWMUs 5, 6, 8-13, 16, 21, 23, 26 and 27 - The draft RFI report for the 13 SWMUs was submitted for regulatory review in July 1992 and was approved "with conditions" in April 1993 and seven of the SWMUs are being considered in the Corrective Measures Study (CMS).

SWMU 9 - Phase IV RFI was expanded to a Phase IV a in February 1992 to do some additional rounds of groundwater sampling and some subsurface excavation at SWMU 9.

FY93

SWMUs - An Addendum to the RFI Report was submitted in May 1993. The proposed Media Protection Standards were submitted in July 1992 and disapproved in April 1993.

FY94

SWMUs - Several significant cleanup milestones were reached in FY94. Actions completed were RFI data gap field work, Onshore Media Protection Standards, and draft Offshore Ecological and Human Health Media Protection Standards.

SWMU 6 - An interim Corrective Measure at the DRMO Scrap Yard to install a cap was completed in December 1993. Results of the Human Health Risk Assessment indicated elevated levels of heavy metals posing an occupational hazard. A geotextile cap was installed to reduce inhalation of dust and direct contact with the soil and to reduce surface runoff and infiltration. The design was completed in June 1993 and construction was completed in December 1993.

SWMU 8 - A removal action was completed in October 1993 which consisted of installing a soil and geocomposite clay cap.

SWMU 11 - A groundwater and soil gas survey was completed using direct push technology, which expedited the assessment.

SWMUs 10-13, 16, 21 and 23 - Seven Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) were removed during or before the RFI. Two of these sites remain under investigation for possible further cleanup.

FY95

SWMUs - During FY95, reports for field work conducted in FY94 were finalized for the RFI Data Gap Investigation and Phase II Ambient Air Quality Monitoring. A draft work plan for a groundwater investigation was developed. Development of a work plan to conduct data gap investigations and monitoring for the Piscataqua River was begun. An Ecological Risk Assessment was continued for the Piscataqua River and Great Bay Estuary to determine the extent of ecological risk. Development of Preliminary Remedial Goals (PRGs) or Media Protection Standards (MPS), was continued. As part of the off-shore investigation, the Navy Marine Environmental Support Office (MESO) developed sampling and analytical methodologies for use in the marine environment, particularly in regards to low level detection of chemicals for sediment, surface waste and biota.

SWMUs 6, 8-13, 16, 23 and 27 - A draft Feasibility Study (FS) Report for 11 of the 13 SWMUs was submitted to the EPA and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP). Based on review comments received, NFA is indicated at SWMUs 12, 13, 16 and 23. Additional information to characterize the extent of offshore migration at SWMUs 6, 8 and 27 is required as well as additional site characterizations at SWMUs 6 and 10 due to regulatory concerns and historical information found by PNS.

SWMUs 9 and 11 - Combine with SWMU 8 in an Operable Unit (OU).

SWMUs 10, 21 and 27 - The sites continue to be investigated to determine whether further remediation is warranted.

FY96

SWMUs - The March 1995 Draft FS for 11 onshore sites was separated into individual operable units (OUs) to address site characterization issues at several sites. The FS for separate OUs will begin once site characterization is complete for that OU. Records of Decisions will be developed for individual OUs. The RCRA Facility Investigation Data Gap Report was finalized during this time period. A work plan for a groundwater and seep investigation was finalized with field work scheduled for the winter. Work continued on finalizing the off-shore ecological risk assessment (ERA), specifically in interpreting the results. Development of a work plan to conduct data gap investigations and monitoring for the Piscataqua River was placed on hold pending finalization of the ERA. Development of MPS for offshore media based on ecological and human health risks was completed, these efforts will serve as the basis for future preliminary remedial goals under CERCLA. A FS to consider possible remedial alternatives for offshore media may begin once the ERA is finalized.

SWMUs 6, 8, 10 and 27 - Work plans for additional site characterization prior to finalizing the FS Report for these sites was begun, including off-shore contaminant migration modeling.

SWMUs 12, 13, 16, 23 and 26 - NFA is expected.

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FY97

CRP - The Community Relations Plan (CRP), developed in 1992, was updated in FY97.
SWMUs - Performed groundwater and seep investigation. Completed off-shore ecological risk assessment. Began off-shore data gap investigation if necessary. Began off-shore feasibility study if necessary.

Site 29 - Completed PA/SI.
Site 30 and SWMUs 9, 21 and 26 - Completed Removal Actions.
SWMUs 12, 13, 16 and 23 - RI/FS completed. Completed No Further Remedial Action decision documents. These sites are RC and will not be carried into the CERCLA program.

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FY98

Site 33 - Complete RFA at Tank Farm.

FY99

Sites 30, 31, and 32 - Complete PA/SI.
SWMUs 8, 9 and 11 - Complete Remedial Design (OU-3).
RCRA Site 33 - Complete RD.
SWMUs 10, 21, 26 and 27 - Complete RI/FS.
SWMU 26 - Response Complete anticipated.

PROGRESS AND PLANS

CERCLA	FY96 and before	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03 and after
PA / SI	1	1		3				
RI / FS		4		4	3	2		4
RD				3	5			4
RAC								12
RAO								12
IRA	2(2)	4(4)						3(3)
RC		4		1				12
Cumulative % RC	0%	24%	24%	29%	29%	29%	29%	100%
RCRA CA	FY96 and before	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03 and after
RFA	15		1					
RFI / CMS								
DES				1				
CMI							1	
CMO								1
IRA								
RC	15							1
Cumulative % RC	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	100%