

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard

Draft Parcel E-2 Record of Decision Summary of Responses to Community

Fact Sheet
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The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide a summary of questions and comments submitted by the community on the Proposed Plan for Parcel E-2, which was available for public review and comment in fall 2011. This fact sheet also presents the Navy's responses to the questions and comments that are presented in the Draft Parcel E-2 Record of Decision (ROD) released in March 2012.

Overview of Proposed Plan to Clean Up Parcel E-2

In September 2011, the Navy published the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) Proposed Plan for Parcel E-2, which summarized the cleanup choices evaluated by the Navy and explained the reasons for choosing the specific cleanup solution to address remaining contamination in Parcel E-2.

During the Public Comment Period for the Proposed Plan for Parcel E-2 (September 7, 2011 through November 21, 2011), the Navy received comments from 13 individuals or groups about the Navy's proposed cleanup solution for Parcel E-2.

The Navy reviewed each comment and found that there were six primary themes expressed by community members. This fact sheet discusses these themes and the Navy's responses.

Additional information can be found on the Navy's website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil, or in the Draft ROD and Proposed Plan for Parcel E-2 that are available at the Information Repository locations (see Page 2). The cleanup team appreciates the feedback they received and looks forward to completing cleanup on HPNS in anticipation of transfer of the property to the City and County of San Francisco (City) for redevelopment.

The HPNS Cleanup Team includes:



Base Realignment and Closure Program (BRAC)
Department of the Navy
www.bracpmo.navy.mil



United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
www.usepa.gov



California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
www.dtsc.ca.gov



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
www.swrcb.ca.gov

In the September 2011 Parcel E-2 Proposed Plan, the Navy proposed the following actions to address hazardous substances in soil, shoreline sediment, landfill gas, and groundwater at Parcel E-2. This preferred alternative was Alternative 5 in the Proposed Plan.

- ◆ Remove and dispose of contaminated soil in selected areas
- ◆ Separate and dispose of materials and soil with radiological contamination
- ◆ Install a protective liner and soil cover over all of Parcel E-2
- ◆ Install a below-ground barrier to limit groundwater flow from the landfill to San Francisco Bay
- ◆ Remove and treat landfill gas to prevent it from moving beyond the Parcel E-2 boundary
- ◆ Build an erosion control on the shoreline
- ◆ Build new wetlands
- ◆ Monitor and maintain the different parts of the cleanup solution (e.g. soil cover, shoreline erosion control, wetlands) to make sure they are working properly
- ◆ Use institutional controls to restrict specific land uses and activities on Parcel E-2

What is a ROD?

A Record of Decision (ROD) is a public document that explains which cleanup solution has been chosen to clean up a site. It contains background information on the site, community participation, enforcement activities, the contaminants present, and the selected cleanup solution. The ROD also presents responses to public comments received during the public comment period for the Proposed Plan. This part of the ROD is referred to as the Responsiveness Summary.

Summary of Community Feedback

Six primary themes were identified when the Navy reviewed community feedback on the Proposed Plan for Parcel E-2. These themes, and the Navy's responses to them, are summarized below.

Theme 1: Does the Navy know enough about the Parcel E-2 Landfill to select a remedy?

Yes. The Navy has worked closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), City of San Francisco, Department of Public Health (DPH), and other interested groups for more than 20 years to gather and evaluate data from the Parcel E-2 Landfill. Results from many previous investigations provided data for the regulatory agencies to support the Navy's cleanup solution for Parcel E-2.

Theme 2: Why was Alternative 5 selected instead of Alternative 2?

The Navy acknowledges the input from many community members expressing their support for Cleanup Alternative 2 instead of Cleanup Alternative 5. Cleanup Alternative 5 was selected because it will remove significant amounts of contaminants and safely contain the remaining material while preventing unacceptable exposure to humans and wildlife during current and future use of the site. Cleanup Alternative 5 provides the best balance of tradeoffs (e.g. effectiveness, ease to implement, time to cleanup, expense) used to weigh the benefits and limitations among the alternatives, including Alternative 2. The Navy worked with the regulatory agencies and the HPNS community represented by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA), the Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee, and several residents near HPNS who have concurred with the cleanup solution.

Theme 3: How are Environmental Justice principles considered in the remedy selection process?

On February 11, 1994, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 12898 which outlined federal actions to address environmental justice in minority and low-income populations. The Navy and the regulatory agencies involved in cleanup work at HPNS have worked together to achieve the environmental justice goals of fully protective cleanup actions, fair and equal treatment, and meaningful involvement for all people in the Bayview-Hunters Point community. These goals

and objectives are described in detail in the May 2011 HPNS Community Involvement Plan (CIP) which is available on the Navy's website listed below.

In summary, the substantial regulatory review and oversight of all Navy cleanup activities at HPNS in conjunction with the significant financial contribution by the Navy, as much as \$716 million over the past 20 years, provides the groundwork for an effective cleanup of HPNS. Community involvement through federal grants available to interested community members and the outreach plan described in the CIP ensures that local residents are involved in the cleanup process. In addition, Navy contractors hire local community members and contract with local businesses to promote the revitalization of the greater HPNS community.

Theme 4: How is Alternative 5 consistent with City and County of San Francisco Proposition P?

Proposition P, per the Board of Supervisors Resolution 634-01 in August 2001, expresses a recommendation from the Hunters Point-Bayview community to clean up HPNS to a level allowing unrestricted use of the property in a manner that does not rely on future owners to maintain protective barriers, unless other remedies are technically not possible. The proposition was later addressed in a Conveyance Agreement between the Navy and SFRA in March 2004, which restated community support for cleanup to the highest level practical.

The cleanup solution for Parcel E-2 meets the planned reuse outlined in the 2010 SFRA redevelopment plan that was issued 9 years after Proposition P.

Theme 5: How will the Navy involve the community during the design of the selected remedy?

Upon final approval of the Parcel E-2 ROD, the Navy will develop a written plan to identify what is necessary to accomplish the selected cleanup solution. This plan, known as a Remedial Design, will be available for public comment, and the Navy will hold Community Meetings to discuss the document with interested community members.

Theme 6: How will the Navy ensure that the selected remedy will protect people and wildlife in the long-term?

Cleanup Alternative 5 includes several monitoring and maintenance activities that will be in effect to protect human health and the environment. Every year, inspections will be made to ensure that the solutions are working properly. In addition, the Navy is required to conduct reviews every five years to evaluate the performance of the entire remedy.

To view the complete Responsiveness Summary included in the Draft ROD, visit one of the Information Repositories or the HPNS website listed below.

Information Repositories

**City of San Francisco
Main Library**
100 Larkin Street, 5th Floor
Government Information Ctr.
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 557-4400

**Hunters Point
Naval Shipyard Site Trailer**
(near HPNS security entrance)
690 Hudson Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94124
Navy Website
www.bracpmo.navy.mil

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