

National Naval Medical Center (NNMC)

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Current Progress at the Site

On November 21, 2000, EPA issued a Permit to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) for corrective action and waste minimization based on the authorities of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The Permit requires proper management of hazardous materials and a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI). The purpose of the RFI is to determine the extent of releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents at the facility. The RFI will include an environmental investigation of the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the site. EPA has approved the NNMC Interim Measures report for remediation of onsite contaminants at AOC #1 and AOC #12. EPA has received and reviewed the Priority One Interim RFI Report of the environmental investigation. EPA approved the ecological risk assessment on March 6, 2007. Approval was also granted for the Priority III Project Plan.

The Draft-Final RCRA Facility Investigation Report was submitted on August 15, 2008 and is being reviewed by EPA.

Site Description

The 243-acre federal facility, formally known as the Naval Medical Command National Capital Region, is now known as the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, MD. NNMC is a large hospital, laboratory and medical research facility which generates various waste streams. The facility is located in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland within the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with the assistance of the State of Maryland.

Contaminants

Tetrachloroethane, trichloroethane and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene have been detected in the background studies. The RCRA Facility Investigation of the site will determine the nature and extent of contaminants at the SWMUs and Areas of Concerns. EPA will evaluate the data gathered during the RFI and determine if clean-up measures are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

Community Interaction

The proposed permit was available for public review and comment until July 17, 2000. All related documents for the permit were available to the general public at the Montgomery County Public Library, Bethesda, Md. No public comments were received.

Institutional Controls

No institutional controls are currently in place.

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