



Environmental Restoration & Community Outreach

The Department of Defense (DoD) established the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program in 1986 to identify, assess, characterize, and clean up or control contamination from past hazardous waste-disposal operations and hazardous materials spills at U.S. Navy and Marine Corps installations. The program was developed to comply with federal requirements regarding cleanup of hazardous waste sites. These federal requirements are outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended in 1986 by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

In 2000, the National Defense Authorization Act required the DoD to establish a program addressing military munitions, known as the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) to address munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and munitions constituents (MCs) used or released on sites from past operations and activities. The Munitions Response Program (MRP) is the Navy's equivalent to the DoD MMRP. Current IR Program policies and procedures apply to sites under the MRP, as well as provisions for unique explosives safety hazards

The IR Program and MRP at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai are collectively referred to as the Environmental Restoration (ER) Program. The ER Program is a division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii's Environmental Business Line.

Process

The Department of the Navy (DON) ER process starts with identification and investigation of contaminated sites, followed by selection, design, and implementation of remedial actions to achieve remediation goals. This process is designed in accordance with CERCLA requirements.

There are two types of DON ER responses:

- **Removal Actions** are taken to address releases or threatened releases requiring prompt action, while Remedial Actions are taken to permanently and significantly reduce the dangers associated with releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances that are serious, but not immediately life threatening. The
- **Remedial Action** process specifies the steps to thoroughly evaluate the nature and extent of contamination, and provides a structure to identify and evaluate cleanup alternatives.

Restoration Advisory Boards (Involving the Community)

The DoD has taken steps to increase public participation in its cleanup program by partnering with the community to form Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs).

The RAB provides a forum for the exchange of information between the Navy and the local community regarding environmental cleanup activities at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam sites and offers an opportunity for communities to provide input to the cleanup process. They are local boards designed to provide a forum for effective two-way communication work and plans at nearby Navy environmental cleanup sites. The Navy in Hawaii has three RABs for specific locations: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam RAB, Lualualei and Waianae Coast RAB, and Central Oahu RAB. RABs meet approximately four times a year (depending on the status of



projects to be presented), and are typically held from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Locations of meeting are rotated. All meetings are open to the public. Advertisement/notification of RAB meetings is made via public notice in the Star-Advertiser and through email notification to persons who have requested to be on the RAB mailing list.

Anyone interesting in signing up for a RAB mailing list to ensure they receive a personal invitation/notification for upcoming RAB meetings can do so at a meeting or by contacting Denise Emsley, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii, (808) 471-7300 or by email at denise.emsley@navy.mil.

Other Methods of Informing the Community

- **Fact Sheets** - Federal and state guidelines require ER Program personnel to communicate with community members regarding relevant program activities. Fact sheets are one method of communication that is used during the various stages of the ER Program. These fact sheets will inform interested parties of the progress of the program and of site-specific actions.
- **Public Comment Periods** - A federal requirement of the Remedial Action Process, public comment periods are established at critical times in the cleanup process. All public comments received by the Navy are considered and, as appropriate, incorporated into final documents.
- **Public Meetings/Open Houses** - Community meetings are required to be held at certain key points in the cleanup process in accordance with federal and state requirements. Notices of any upcoming public meetings will be published in the Honolulu Star Advertiser. In an effort to reach affected community members, when appropriate, community meetings will be held in the community closest in proximity to the ER Sites of interest.

Resources/Contacts

- **ER Program Personnel** - NAVFAC Hawaii's ER Program project team is part of the command's Environmental Business Line, located in Building X11, on the command's main compound.
- **Administrative Record** - The complete Administrative Record (AR) for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai is maintained at NAVFAC Pacific (Makalapa Compound). The Navy also holds Information Repositories at the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library, Hawaiian and Pacific Collection and some local public libraries. It includes project documents, technical reports, and any other supporting documentation that form the basis for selection of remedial actions under the ER Program.
- A copy of the complete AR index and relevant documents are available for public review at the ER Program Information Repositories,
 1. University of Hawaii at Manoa Hamilton Library - Hawaiian and Pacific Collection, 2550 McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822 (808-956-8264)
 2. Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Highway, Waianae 96792 (808-622-6345)
 3. Ewa Beach Public Library, 91-950 North Rd., Ewa Beach 96706 (808-689-1204)
 4. Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Ave., Wahiawa 96786 (808-622-6345)
 5. Pearl City Public Library, 1138 Waimano Home Rd., Pearl City 96782 (808-453-6566)
 6. Aiea Public Library, 99-143 Moanalua Rd., Aiea 96701 (808-483-7333)
 7. Kaneohe Public Library, 45-829 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe 96744 (808-233-5676)
 8. Kailua Public Library, 239 Kuulei Rd., Kailua 96734 (808-266-9911)
 9. Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Lihue, Kauai 96766 (808-241-3222)
 10. Waimea Public Library, 9750 Kaunualii Highway, Waimea 96796 (808-338-6848)

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