



# Former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile

## July 2022

### Introduction

This fact sheet describes progress made on ongoing environmental response activities at the former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile over the past year. This Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) is located in Grosse Ile Township, in Wayne County, Michigan, on the southern end of Grosse Ile. The island is 8 miles long and 2 miles wide and located on the Detroit River approximately 14 miles downriver from the central business district of Detroit, at the mouth of the Detroit River as it flows into Lake Erie. The former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile is also referred to as FUDS E05MI0123. The site is currently occupied by the Grosse Ile Commerce Park and Municipal Airport. Land use at the site is nonresidential.

Congress established the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP)/FUDS Program to clean up properties that were under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense; owned, leased, or possessed by the United States; and transferred from Department of Defense (DoD) control prior to October 7, 1986. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) manages the FUDS Program. Environmental response actions at DERP sites/FUDS must conform to the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. DoD has been working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to assess potential environmental issues associated with past DoD activities on the site.



*Aerial photograph of the Former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile site.*

### CERCLA Remedial Investigations (RIs) and Feasibility Studies (FSs)

Of the 25 Areas of Concern (AOCs) identified on the site, there are only two remaining that are in the RI/FS CERCLA phase. USACE is continuing RI/FS activities at AOC 2—Hangar 2 and AOC 25—Former Skeet Shooting Range. Data collected during the RI phase for AOCs 2 and 25 will be used to make future decisions to determine whether remedial actions are warranted and if so, to identify remedial alternatives.

### CERCLA Proposed Plans (PPs) and Decision Documents (DDs)

There are 10 AOCs in the PP/DD CERCLA phase. EGLE is reviewing PPs for AOC 9—Former Seaplane Hangar, AOC 14—Former Fire Training Area, and AOC 19—Building 29 (Former Ammunition Magazine and Engine Test Building). The public comment period for the PPs for AOC 15—Former Nike Missile Silos, AOC 16—Former



*Photograph facing east at AOC 25—Former Skeet Shooting Range.*

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Sewage Treatment Plant, and AOC 23–Former Navy Yard continues through September 30, 2022. The PPs and related documents for AOCs 15, 16, and 23 can be viewed at <https://go.usa.gov/xFF>. Hard copies of the PPs and related documents are available at Trenton Veterans Memorial Library, 2790 Westfield Road, Trenton, MI 48183 (by appointment; phone (734) 676-9777).

USACE submitted No Further Action DDs for AOC 12–Building 28, AOC 20–Quonset Hut, AOC 24A–Debris Disposal Area, and AOC 24B–Tar/Sludge Disposal Area to EGLE for review.

### Regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) Closures

There are nine AOCs in the regulated UST closure phase. USACE is continuing to investigate the presence of site-related chemicals associated with former USTs at AOC 1–Former Fuel Farm. Field investigation activities were completed in fall 2020. Data collected during this field investigation, along with historical environmental data, were used to support the analysis and design of cleanup actions that are undergoing EGLE review.

USACE also is continuing regulated UST closure activities at AOC 11–Building 22. The UST was previously removed. USACE completed regulated UST closure activities at AOC 3–Former Post Exchange Service Station, AOC 4–Former Navy Paint Shop, AOC 6–Former Building 60, AOC 8–Building 29, AOC 12–Building 28, AOC 13–Former Tank North of Building 28, and AOC 18–Former Paint Shop.

### Nonregulated UST Closures

There are five AOCs in the nonregulated UST closure phase. USACE prepared UST closure reports for administrative closure of nonregulated tanks and fuel lines at AOC 5–Former Missile Assembly Building, AOC 7–Former Officer’s Club, AOC 10–Former Hangar 1, AOC 17–Former Fuel Lines from the Fuel Farm to the Flight Line, and AOC 21–Former Heating Oil UST at Radar Tracking and Control Area in accordance with EGLE regulations. USACE recommended the USTs/fuel lines be administratively closed, and EGLE concurred with administrative closure. These USTs/fuel lines do not fall under Federal UST regulations nor under the State of Michigan’s Part 211, Underground Storage Tank Regulations, nor under Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, of the Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, 1994, PA 451, as amended.

### Next Steps

Public involvement is an important part of the investigation and reporting activities under CERCLA. USACE is scheduled to hold a virtual, combined PP/annual informational public meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT, September 14, 2022. How to join:

- By Internet: <https://usace1.webex.com/>. Meeting number: 2762 693 7283, Access Code: XB6pP93\$
- By phone: Toll-free (844) 800-2712 or (669) 234-1177, Access Code: 2762 693 7283
- Persons wishing to attend this online public meeting should register in advance no later than September 13, 2022, by 4:00 p.m. EDT. To register, call or email the USACE Louisville District Public Affairs Office at (502) 315-6769 or at [charles.w.delano@usace.army.mil](mailto:charles.w.delano@usace.army.mil).

For additional information you may contact Charles Delano, Louisville District Public Affairs Office, at (502) 315-6769, or visit the USACE Louisville District Naval Air Station Grosse Ile website:

<https://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/GrosselleNavalAirStation/>.