



Former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile

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Introduction

This fact sheet describes progress made on ongoing environmental response activities at the former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile (site) over the past year. The site 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 Formerly Used Defense Site (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/FUDS sites 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 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 (RI) and Feasibility Studies (FS)

USACE is continuing RI/FS activities at Area of Concern (AOC) 2–Hangar 2 and AOC 25–Skeet Shooting Range. Data collected during the RI phase for AOCs 2 and 25 will be used to make future decisions based on risk to determine if remedial actions are warranted and to define remedial alternatives.

CERCLA Proposed Plans (PP) and Decision Documents (DD)

USACE is completing PP/DD activities at AOC 12–Building 28, AOC 20–Quonset Hut, AOC 24A–Debris Disposal Area, and AOC 24B–Tar/Sludge Disposal Area. USACE prepared PPs for AOCs 12, 20, 24A, and 24B. The public comment period on the PPs for AOCs 12, 20, 24A, and 24B continues through Dec. 14, 2021.



Photograph facing east at AOC 25–Former Skeet Range.

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The Proposed Plans and related documents can be viewed at: <https://go.usa.gov/xFF>. Hard copies of the Proposed Plans and related documents are available at: Bacon Memorial District Library, 45 Vinewood Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (by appointment only: phone (734) 246-8357).

USACE is also preparing PPs for AOC 9– Former Seaplane Hangar, AOC 14–Former Fire Training Area, AOC 15–Former Nike Missile Silos, AOC 16–Former Sewage Treatment Plant, AOC 19– Building 29 (Former Ammunition Magazine and Engine Test Building), and AOC 23– Former Navy Yard.

Regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) Closures

USACE is continuing to investigate the presence of site-related chemicals associated with former USTs of AOC 1–Former Fuel Farm. Field investigation activities were completed in the fall of 2020. Data collected during this field investigation, along with historical environmental data, are being used to support the analysis and design of cleanup actions.

USACE also 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. These USTs were previously removed.

Nonregulated UST Closures

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 Proposed Plan public meeting and annual informational public meeting and from 6 to 8 p.m. EST, Nov. 30, 2021. How to join:

By Internet: <https://usace.webex.com/> Meeting number: 2762 714 1358 Access Code: XB6pP93\$

By phone: Toll-free (844) 800-2712 or (669) 234-1177 Access Code: 2762 714 13

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/>.