



Former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile

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Introduction

This fact sheet describes the status of the ongoing investigations and cleanup activities at the former Naval Air Station Grosse Ile. The site is located in Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County, Michigan, on the southern end of the island. 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 confluence of the Detroit River and 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 near the site is primarily residential.

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 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 (NCP). DoD has been working with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to assess potential environmental issues associated with past Army 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 completing RI/FS activities at Area of Concern (AOC) 2—Hangar 2, AOC 9—Former Seaplane Hangar, AOC 12—Building 28, AOC 19—Former Building 19 Ammunition Magazine and Engine Test Building, AOC 20—Quonset Hut, AOC 24A—Debris Disposal Area, AOC 24B—Tar/Sludge Disposal Area, and AOC 25—Skeet Shooting Range. USACE will summarize previous environmental investigations in an RI report and prepare a proposed plan for AOCs 9, 12, 19, 20, 24A, and 24B. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed plans for each of the AOCs in accordance with the CERCLA process. RI/FS activities will continue at AOCs 2 and 25. Data collected during the RIs for AOCs 2 and 25 will be used to determine if additional remedial actions are warranted.



Photograph facing northwest at AOC 12—Building 28.

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

USACE is completing PP/DD activities at AOC 14–Former Fire Training Area, AOC 15–Former Nike Missile Silos, AOC 16–Former Sewage Treatment Plan, and AOC 23–Former Navy Yard. USACE will prepare PPs for AOCs 14, 15, 16, and 23. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the PPs for AOCs 14, 15, 16, and 23 in accordance with the CERCLA process.

Regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) Closures

USACE is continuing investigation of AOC 1–Former Fuel Farm and AOC 18–Former Paint Shop to investigate the presence of site-related chemicals associated with former USTs at each AOC. Field investigation activities are scheduled to be performed in fall 2020. Data collected during this field investigation, along with historical environmental data, will support the analysis and design of any cleanup actions, if warranted. USACE also is completing regulated UST closure activities at AOC 3–Former Post Exchange Service Station, AOC



Underground Storage Tank Removal (Jacobs stock photo).

4–Former Navy Paint Shop, AOC 6–Former Building 60, AOC 8–Building 29, AOC 11–Building 22 (Former Dope and Spray Building) and Building 23 (Former Paint and Oil Storage Building), AOC 12–Building 28, and AOC 13–Former Tank North of Building 28. These USTs were previously removed, and these AOCs are being reviewed to determine if they can be closed in accordance with EGLE regulations. USACE will prepare UST closure reports in accordance with EGLE regulations and corrective action plans, where applicable.

Nonregulated UST Closures

USACE is completing a review of documentation related to the nonregulated UST closure activities 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. These USTs were previously removed, and these AOCs are being evaluated to determine if they can be closed in accordance with EGLE regulations. USACE has prepared UST closure reports for administrative closure of the nonregulated tanks and fuel lines.

Next Steps

Public involvement is an important part of the investigation and reporting activities under CERCLA. USACE is scheduled to hold an informational virtual public meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. EST, Sept. 10, 2020, online at <https://jeg.webex.com/join.nasgi2020> or via toll free audio at 1-844-992-4726 (meeting number 132 202 4163). Starting on Aug. 31, 2020, hard copies of the presentation will be available in the lobby of the Grosse Ile Township office at 9601 Groh Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan. The virtual public meeting will allow USACE, via phone and internet, to communicate the same information to the public as it would during an in-person meeting, while minimizing risks to public health associated with gathering in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. USACE staff also will be available Sept. 9, 2020, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. EST via audio and internet using the meeting information specified above to assist the public with connection issues. For additional information you may contact Shatara Riis, 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/>.