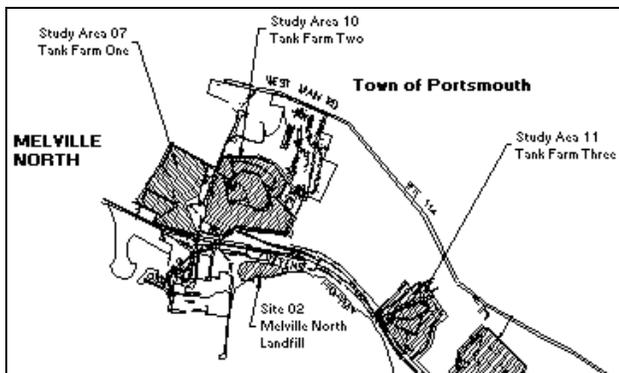


TANK FARMS 1-3 Fact Sheet Update (August 2002)

INTRODUCTION

The Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) is located in Melville North at the northernmost end of Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport. The site is comprised of Tank Farms 1, 2 & 3 and the backyard area. DFSP abuts Narragansett Bay and occupies approximately 180 acres.

The Tank Farms are being cleaned-up under two separate environmental programs. The tanks and fuel oil are being managed under the state's Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program, which governs the cleanup of oil contamination. The UST Program is mandated by the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act. Contamination associated with sludge burning pits is being managed under the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program, which governs the cleanup of hazardous substances. The IR Program is mandated by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The USEPA and the state oversee the IR Program in accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement of 1992. The Navy is assisted by the community through a Restoration Advisory Board, which meets the third Wednesday of every month.



Locations of Tank Farms 1,2, and 3

BACKGROUND

Tank farms 1,2, and 3 consist of 16 concrete and 8 steel tanks providing a total capacity of 34 million gallons. The sites were utilized for the storage of fuel oils and disposal of tank bottom sludge. Fuels stored in these tanks include diesel oil, jet fuel, 100-octane gasoline and aviation fuel. Tank bottom sludges were burned in open pits as a means of disposal at various locations throughout the sites. Disposal occurred at the sites from World War II until the mid-1970's. Hazardous Substances may have been released as a result of this activity thus causing the sites to be placed in the IR Program.



The Tank Farms are located on NAVSTA Newport property and operated by Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) under a license agreement. DLA ceased operations and shut down the facility in February of 1998. The cleanup of oil contamination and the closure of the storage tanks is the responsibility of DLA. NAVSTA oversees the cleanup process and the property lease agreement.

UST PROGRAM

The DLA contractor completed the cleaning and closure of the tanks at all the Tank Farm. DLA is currently awaiting RIDEM closure certificates for the tanks and developing plans to address the oil contamination present at the site.

NEXT STEP

The Navy is evaluating a proposal to build an 18 hole golf course in 2005. We are developing plans to complete the cleanup of the site by September 2004.



Tank Farm 3