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2001 Operable Unit B Plans

Plans for the 2001 summer field season for Operable Unit B call for two former combat ranges to be investigated. According to Project Manager Mark Murphy, Combat Range #1 and Combat Range #2 will be investigated this season and field season plans call for the targeted anomalies on Mount Moffett to be investigated, Murphy said.

At the March RAB meeting in Anchorage, Murphy provided a review of the 2000 investigations on Adak. More than 60 people worked almost 59,000 field hours last year to evaluate sites, collect geophysical data, complete intrusive investigations, and analyze the data provided, Murphy said. Murphy told the RAB his goal is to complete the OU B1 investigation and cleanup of the 47,000 acres scheduled to be transferred to the Aleut Corporation under the September 2000 land transfer agreement.

The public is encouraged and invited to comment on the Operable

Unit B-1 Proposed Plan that will be released in mid-May. The proposed plan is a document that describes the preferred cleanup alternatives

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for Operable Unit B-1, and it is intended to familiarize stakeholders with the cleanup plan. The public comment period will be held from mid-May through mid-June. You may comment in writing anytime during the public comment period.

You may also comment verbally, or in writing, at public meetings to

be held on Adak Island and in Anchorage. The public meetings will be scheduled two weeks after the release of the proposed plan for remedial action. Once scheduled, the public meetings will be held at the Bob Reeve High School. The Anchorage meeting location will be announced as the meeting dates are known.

The proposed plan will be mailed to known interested stakeholders and it will be posted on the adakupdate.com website; in the Anchorage Newspaper; and on Adak Island through the Caretaker Site Office. The public is encouraged to submit comments on the Operable Unit B-1 Proposed Plan to Mark Murphy.

After consideration of public comments, the Navy, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will select the final cleanup remedies. The remedy selection will be documented in a record of decision. Responses to public comments will be attached to the record of decision, in what is called a responsiveness summary

RAB Meeting Schedule

The next regularly scheduled RAB is set for 6 p.m. Adak time, 7 p.m. Anchorage time, on **May 23**, in the **Bob Reeve High School** on Adak. Anchorage RAB members will be able to attend via teleconference from the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage.

For more information, please check www.adakupdate.com, or call 1-800-360-1561. Adak RAB Co-Chair Richard Stoll can be reached at stollrk@efanw.navfac.navy.mil.

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RAB Members Hear Petroleum Update

The Navy has set forth an aggressive schedule to complete focused feasibility studies. The Navy's Petroleum Remedial Pro-

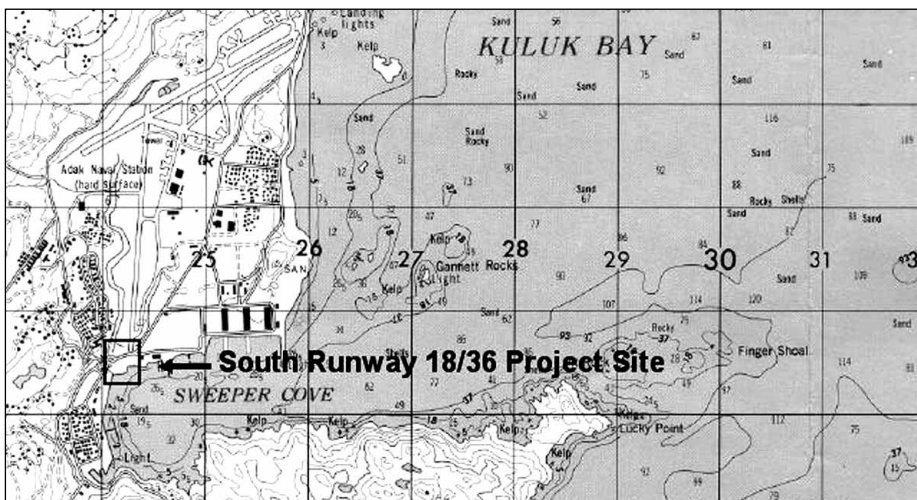
able Unit A Record of Decision, the sites being evaluated as part of the focused feasibility study process are approaching the

viable on Adak, and the second step is to provide a detailed analysis of those alternatives.

In the Fall of 2000, ground-penetrating radar was used at South Runway 18/36; 10 wells were sampled and measurements of free product were taken, and groundwater and soil samples obtained and analyzed at an independent, state-certified laboratory.

The laboratory analysis was able to provide a "product fingerprint" that pointed to the source of the problem at the site being a historic diesel pipeline. Based on the work performed last fall, a focused feasibility study will be completed with alternatives to cleanup the site.

Once the focused feasibility study is completed, a public comment period will be held. Following input from the public, the Navy will complete a plan to implement the remedies, with concurrence from the regulatory agencies.



This map shows one of the areas being looked at, the South Runway 18/36 Project Site, as part of a Focused Feasibility Study for a petroleum site on Adak.

FIELD WORK (Fall 2000)

- Ground-penetrating radar
- Borehole conductivity: 10 wells
- Ground water, product sampling
- Free product measurements
- Test pit excavation: 20 pits
- Soil sampling

Laboratory Analysis:

- Hydrocarbon – soil & groundwater
- Product fingerprinting
- Sheen-screen analysis
- Bench-scale treatability study

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Navy Plans to Demolish Unsafe Structures and Close Roberts Landfill

The Navy has added additional work to this summer's schedule in order for the transfer of property to the Aleut Corporation from the Department of Interior to take place. The Navy will demolish identified unsafe buildings on the island.

Some of the structures, such as identified cabins, will be burned in place. Other demolition debris will be placed in Roberts Landfill prior to the closure of the landfill, also scheduled to be closed later in the summer.

ject Manager, Langston Walker, used South Runway 18/36 to illustrate how the focused feasibility study process works. The objective of focused feasibility studies are to identify alternatives to achieve final cleanup as set out in the Operable Unit A Record of Decision.

In accordance with the Oper-

"maximum extent practical" for the current remedies. The study process helps scientists to evaluate if other alternatives can be used to enhance the cleanup efforts.

The focused feasibility study process is a two step process. The first step is to identify and screen alternatives that are

Adak Restoration Advisory Board Represented at Statewide RAB Roundtable

Cathy Villa, the Adak Restoration Advisory Board Co-Chair, attended a recent RAB Roundtable gathering of RAB leaders from around the state. Approximately 200 RAB representatives attended the roundtable held in February at the Anchorage Egan Center. The RAB roundtable was a part of a day-long Alaska Forum on the Environment. JoAnn Grady, of Grady & Associates facilitated the event, sponsored by the Department of Defense.

"The purpose of the RAB roundtable was to help RAB members be able to find out how RABs are conducted in other places and to allow a statewide exchange of information," Villa said. The roundtable was geared toward strengthening RABs and answering questions about RAB development and functioning.

In addition to RAB community

members and co-chairs and Department of Defense personnel, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation had representatives available to exchange ideas and help answer questions.

Villa noted that there were many suggestions regarding the use of computers and websites for communication, which Adak already has in place.

In addition, Villa said the Adak RAB had addressed communications issues that many other boards were struggling with. "Because Adak has some of the biggest distances between RAB members," she said, "we had to address these issues early on."

Villa said there were a number of other similar issues being addressed by RABs statewide. Oil cleanup, abandoned buildings,

and cleanup of unexploded ordnance are all issues being addressed across the state. These are issues that Adak has also worked on and continues to work on. The UXO technology is more advanced, with the unique situation on Adak, Villa said.

RAB membership is also an issue across the state. "I came away wanting to solicit more RAB membership on Adak," Villa said. Anyone interested in becoming an Adak RAB member can contact Villa at VillaAdak@aol.com to apply for membership. There is a short application for people to fill out to be considered for membership. Villa said people interested in serving and getting involved are welcome to apply for membership at any time.

Information Repositories

The Navy is committed to informing stakeholders. One avenue of information gathering that stakeholders use are the information repositories. Patty Kelly, Navy Remedial Project Manager, stated that it's important that people realize that the documents placed in the repositories are for everyone's use.

Occasionally documents are missing from the repositories, and Kelly stressed that it's important that people not remove documents that are for everyone's use. Kelly noted that there are electronic copies available of the most recent documents on the web, and they

can be readily downloaded. She said if documents are missing from a repository, to please contact her.

Occasionally documents are placed in the wrong location when they are returned to the shelves. However, if it's brought to the Navy's attention, the issue can be resolved. She did ask that people provide specific information regarding the documents, or portions of the documents, that cannot be found in the repositories.

For questions or comments on the repositories, please contact Patty Kelly at 360-396-0049, or email her at kellypl@efanw.navfac.navy.mil.

Where to Get More Information INFOLINE: 1-800-360-1561

University of Alaska Anchorage,
Library Reserve Room,
3211 Providence Dr.
907-786-1871 - M-F, 8 am to 5 pm,
Contact: Librarian

Information Repository Adak
Second Floor,
Bob Reeve High School
M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The CSO Office on Adak is now
located at Sandy Cove Housing, 101 C
Contact: Ron O'Toole
907-592-4351

Check out the Web site for
up-to-date information
www.adakupdate.com

Election Results Posted



The Alaska Division of Elections posted the election results for the Adak incorporation vote to its website, with the results overwhelmingly in favor of incorporation.

The election results were certified by the Lt. Governor's office on April 20, 2001. Certification of election results by the Lt. Governor made the election results official.

Voters were asked to cast a ballot for three ballot measures and for a seven-member city council.

Sixty-one voters cast a "yes" vote on Ballot Measure #1, asking if Adak should be incorporated into a second-class city. Six "no" votes were cast.

On Ballot Measure #2, "Shall the City of Adak be authorized to levy a three percent sales tax?" there were 57 votes cast in favor of the measure and 10 opposed.

Ballot Measure #3, authorizing the City of Adak to levy a two percent fuel transfer tax, also passed

by a 54 to 12 vote margin.

All three measures had to pass for the city to be incorporated.

In addition, the following seven candidates received the most votes for the Adak City Council; Patty A. Vessel, 48 votes; Ben Misikin, 45; Agafon Krukoff, Jr., 44; Adrian Melovidov, Jr., 43; Cynthia R. Galaktionoff, 42; Richard L. Pollen, 41; and Ricky D. Sloan, 40.

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