



Notice of Intent

Former Adak Naval Complex

Adak Island Alaska



FIFTH FIVE-YEAR REVIEW TO BEGIN

Navy to conduct the Fifth Five-Year Review (FYR) for the Former Adak Naval Complex, Adak Island, Alaska. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 and Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC) to participate and support completion of this Fifth FYR.

INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as the "Superfund law," requires a review of cleanup actions at Superfund sites be conducted at least once every five years. The purpose of a five-year review is to ensure that the cleanup solutions (remedies) chosen for a site are functioning properly and continue to protect human health and the environment.

The Navy will conduct the Fifth Five-Year Review (FYR) at the Former Adak Naval Complex with the support of ADEC and EPA. This review is required because contaminants have been left at Adak above levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure (UU/UE).

SITE BACKGROUND

The Former Adak Naval Complex is located in Adak Island, Alaska. The former U.S. Navy base closed operationally on March 31, 1997. The fifth FYR covers protectiveness for Operable Unit (OU) A, State-Adak Environmental Restoration Agreement (SAERA), and OU B-1 sites. OU A and SAERA sites address hazardous substance and petroleum releases to the environment throughout the entire military reservation, while OU B-1 addresses unexploded ordnance hazards.

WHAT IS A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW?

As part of the five-year review process, the Navy will ask the following questions:

1. Are the remedies functioning as intended?
2. Are the assumptions used at the time the remedies were selected still valid?
3. Has any new information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedies?

The Navy has started the process of gathering the information necessary for a fifth five-year review at the former Naval Complex on Adak Island. The Navy invites the City of Adak, The Aleut Corporation (TAC), the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Aleutian/Pribilof Island Association (A/PIA) to participate. The Navy also encourages members of the community to tell them about site conditions or any concerns they may have.

The Final Fifth Five-Year Review will be available to the public in December 2021.

For More Information/Comments

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All site-related documents are available for review at the Navy information repositories established at the University of Alaska Anchorage Library and Administrative Record NAVFAC NW.