



Second Five-Year Review Report for Former Salton Sea Test Base Fact Sheet



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U.S. Navy Announces the Draft Final Second Five-Year Review Report

The Navy invites you to review the Second Five-Year Review Report for the former Salton Sea Test Base. The Second Five-Year Review Report is available for public review from **May 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013** (see locations listed below for viewing the document). The Navy encourages the public to review the document and provide comments on the report.

INTRODUCTION

This Fact Sheet updates the community about the most recent study, the second Five-Year Review, conducted at the former Salton Sea Test Base (Base) property located in Imperial County, California. The nearly 20,000-acre property, composed of sea and land, was used by the Navy between 1942 and 1993 for various military training and weapons testing activities. The Base was formally closed in 1993 under the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program.

In 2000, the Base was transferred to the United States Department of the Interior's (DOI's) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). However, the Navy retains responsibility for evaluating the ongoing health and safety of humans and the environment that potentially could be affected by previous Base activities.

Prior to property transfer, the Navy implemented "Risk Management Actions" to address the potential for residual munitions at the former Base to protect human health, safety, and the environment. The Risk Management Actions included: implementing programs for community and site worker information; posting signs warning of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) hazards; placing MEC notifications on land records; informing BLM and BOR of MEC hazards; ensuring the Navy reviews proposed land use changes; implementing periodic reviews; and determining the need for additional response activities. The Risk Management Actions were documented in the Base Decision Document (April 2000) and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Navy and the DOI (May 2000).



What is the purpose of the "Five-Year Review?"

The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to ensure that the remedial actions selected in the Decision Document remain protective of human health and the environment.

What Did the Five-Year Review Find?

Data collected during this second five-year review indicate that one of the Risk Management Actions put forth in the Decision Document – warning signs – requires additional maintenance. The Second Five-Year Review also identified continued shoreline recession that is creating newly

accessible areas and may expose MEC. Warning signs will be replaced by the Navy both in their former location and along the newly exposed shoreline identified in the Five-Year Review. Replacement of the signs will return the remedy to full protectiveness. The signs will be maintained by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

What is the Next Step?

The regulatory agencies for this project include the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Both agencies have reviewed the draft report and concur with the findings and recommendations. The Navy will collect public comments and issue a Final Report after the public review period.

For More Information...

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Information repositories for the former Salton Sea Test Base are located in the area so the local community has the opportunity to review the Second Five-Year Review Report.

Salton City Public Library
2098 Thomas R. Cannell Rd (Frontage Rd)
Salton City, CA (760) 394-4446
Hours: Monday and Wednesday
9 AM to 4:30 PM

Spencer Library Media Ctr, Imperial Valley College
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Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8 AM – 8 PM
Fri, 8 AM – 3 PM

Additionally, an electronic copy of the Five Year Review will be posted on the BRAC PMO West website for public viewing (www.bracpmo.navy.mil).

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