



Fifth Five-Year Review at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the Five-Year Review Process and How the Public Can Participate

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A Five-Year Review (FYR) is an evaluation of a cleanup program at a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) site. It evaluates if a cleanup solution protects, or will protect, human health and the environment. The Navy is currently completing its fifth FYR at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS).

The Navy is the lead federal agency during the FYR process at HPNS. The Navy, along with a multi-agency team, work closely together during the FYR. They make sure that all parts of a cleanup solution are, or will, function as intended. They also evaluate if solutions are, or will be, protective of human health and the environment.

The following agencies are members of the multi-agency team at HPNS:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

In this FAQ, the Navy answers several of the most frequently asked questions about HPNS FYRs.

How can you review the Fifth FYR Report for HPNS?

- The Draft Fifth FYR Report will be available on the Navy’s website January 23, 2024—March 31, 2024: www.bracpmo.navy.mil/hpns
- Select the **Basewide** tab
- Select the **Draft Fifth Five-Year Review Report**



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What are the goals of the HPNS FYR?

The primary goal of the FYR is to evaluate the use and performance of a cleanup solution. Specific objectives include:

- Document post-Record of Decision (ROD) or Decision Document cleanup progress
- Determine if the cleanup solution is functioning as intended
- Identify issues that affect if a solution is, or will be, protective
- Offer recommendations to address issues
- Document if a solution is determined to be protective

The FYR also provides the Navy the chance to support, evaluate, and improve cleanup solutions. If cleanup at a site is not progressing, the FYR recommends ways to optimize efforts before the next FYR.

What questions are answered during the FYR?

- Is the remedy functioning as intended and as outlined in the ROD?
- Are the assumptions used at the time of the cleanup selection still valid?
- Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the cleanup program?

What are the components of the FYR?

There are six components in the FYR process:

1. Community involvement and notification
2. Document review
3. Data review and analysis
4. Site inspection
5. Interviews
6. Assessing the protectiveness of the cleanup program and identifying any needed changes



What is evaluated during document review?

During the document review, the multiagency team evaluates the following:

- If environmental standards that affect the site have changed in the past 5 years
- Whether cleanup continues to be protective of human health and the environment
- Whether the remedy can be expected to remain protective

How is climate change addressed in the FYR?

The Fifth FYR at HPNS included a screening level Climate Resilience Assessment (CRA).

- The CRA evaluated climate change impacts to the long-term protectiveness of the cleanup actions across HPNS
- The CRA focused on sea level rise (SLR) and groundwater rise for the entire site
- CRAs will be included in future FYRs

How are conclusions made in the FYR?

The FYR team conducts a technical review of the information collected. Examples of information sources include document review, interviews, and site inspections. Conclusions for the FYR are based on the results of the technical review, including:

- Identification of issues and public concerns
- Recommendations and follow-up actions
- If the remedy is, or is expected to be, protective of public health and the environment

Who approves the Final HPNS FYR Report?

The final step in the FYR process is a Final FYR Report. The multi-agency team is currently reviewing the Draft Fifth FYR Report. This document will be available for public review and comment through March 31, 2024. At the end of the Public Comment Period, the Navy will review all multi-agency team and public comments. The Final FYR Report will be issued after resolution of comments with the multi-agency team.

How is the public involved in the HPNS FYR?

Community Notification

A public notice was posted on February 15, 2023 in the San Francisco Chronicle to announce the start of the FYR.

Interviews

As part of the FYR process, reviews were conducted with people directly involved with installation, maintenance, or repair of the onsite cleanup solutions.

The interviews helped collect:

- Information on site history
- Knowledge of site cleanup
- Individual concerns about site cleanup
- Community member comments, questions, or suggestions regarding site cleanup

Public Review and Feedback on the FYR Report

The Draft Final FYR will be available on January 23, 2024—March 31, 2024 for public review and feedback. Members of the community can review the Draft Final FYR Report for HPNS using the following resources:

- Log onto the Documents page of the Navy’s website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil/hpns and click on the **Draft Fifth Five-Year Review Report**
- Visit the local Information Repository at the San Francisco Library (Main Branch), Government Information Center, Fifth Floor, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, 94102
- All comments must be received in writing on or before March 31, 2024



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