



PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PROPOSED PLAN FOR MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM SITE 4
NAVAL AIR FACILITY EL CENTRO, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

WHY YOU ARE BEING NOTIFIED: The Department of the Navy (Navy), in coordination with state and federal environmental regulatory agencies, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Region 7 Colorado River Region Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), has issued a Proposed Plan for public review and comment. The Proposed Plan was prepared for Munitions Response Program (MRP) Site 4, the Former Turret and Skeet Range, at Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro in El Centro, California.

BACKGROUND: The Proposed Plan is an environmental document that summarizes the results of previous environmental investigations conducted at MRP Site 4, describes remedial alternatives evaluated to address contamination, protect public health, and the environment, and identifies the preferred alternative based on a comparative analysis. The Navy evaluated the following five options for addressing soil contamination at the site: 1) No Action, 2) Hot Spot Removal and Institutional Controls, 3) Engineered Cap and Institutional Controls, 4) Hot Spot Removal, Soil Stabilization, and Institutional Controls, and 5) Excavation and Offsite Disposal. The preferred alternative from the Proposed Plan for MRP Site 4 is Hot Spot Removal and Institutional Controls (identified as Alternative 2 in the document). In summary, this alternative consists of the excavation and offsite disposal of soil in areas that pose a risk to industrial or construction workers and ecological receptors, backfilling and restoration of the excavation, and implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of administrative controls to prevent residential development or use.

The Proposed Plan is one of the final stages of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act process in which the Navy solicits public input before the selection of a final remedy or decision.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
January 31, 2024 through February 29, 2024

The Navy invites interested members of the public to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for MRP Site 4 during the 30-day public comment period from **January 31, 2024 through February 29, 2024**. Public comments must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than **February 29, 2024**. Comments may also be provided verbally during the **virtual** public meeting on **February 7, 2024**. Please send all comments to:

NAF El Centro Remedial Project Manager NAVFAC Southwest
NAVFAC El Centro
1605 Third Street, Building 504, Code 45RF
El Centro, CA 92243

Comments can also be sent by e-mail to Robert.J.Sanchez4.civ@us.navy.mil no later than **February 29, 2024**.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: The Navy will host a **virtual** public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan, answer questions, and accept comments. The meeting will be held on **February 7, 2024 from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m.** To attend the virtual meeting, either go to <http://tinyurl.com/2tkjex9p> on your web browser and select "Join Anonymously" or scan the QR code on the right on **February 7, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. to join the meeting using the MS Teams app. Those without internet access can call **1-469-214-8538** and enter the Conference ID number **799866393#** when prompted.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: The Proposed Plan is based upon the findings of previous site-related documents that are available for review in the Information Repositories:

El Centro Public Library
1140 North Imperial Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 337-4565
<http://www.cityofelcentro.org/library/>

Brawley Library
400 Main Street
Brawley, CA 92227
(760) 344-1891
<http://www.brawley-ca.gov/section/library>

If you have any questions on the Proposed Plan or on the NAF El Centro MRP, please contact the NAF El Centro Environmental Restoration Program Manager Roberto Sanchez (by email at Roberto.J.Sanchez4.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone at [760] 339-2264), or the NAF El Centro Remedial Project Manager (by email Amy.Tong.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone at [619] 705-5437).

Public comments play an important role in the outcome of environmental cleanup decisions. The Navy, in consultation with DTSC and RWQCB will choose the final remedy after the comment period ends and may select any one of the options after taking public comments into account. You are encouraged to submit comments on the Proposed Plan.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We value your opinion and would like to invite you to participate in a short survey! Your feedback will assist us in determining how we can improve our way of communicating to the community project information.

Please take a moment to complete the short 3-minute survey, all answers will remain anonymous. The survey will be open until **March 31, 2024**.

You can access the survey by using your phone camera and scanning the survey QR code →
Or on your web browser, by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L2W7CH8>



The Navy welcomes your input!