



Quillayute Airport

Former Naval Auxiliary Air Station Quillayute

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Proposed Plan and Public Meeting

Introduction

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), with the support of the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) has issued the Proposed Plan for the Naval Auxiliary Air Station Quillayute.

The Proposed Plan summarizes the results of previous response actions which demonstrate that the site does not pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment under current land use scenarios. The recommended final action in the Proposed Plan is No Further Action. The public is invited to participate in the decision making process by providing comments on the Proposed Plan. The final action will be selected after review and consideration of public comments.

A 30-day public comment period will begin on April 22, 2016, and will conclude on May 27, 2016. The community is invited to submit written comments postmarked by May 28, 2016, and sent to the following address:

Mr. Mirek Towster
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District
635 Federal Building, CENWK-PM-ED
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

The community may present their comments at the public meeting held on May 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. A public availability session will precede the public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Image 1. Naval Auxiliary Air Station Quillayute

What is the status of USACE investigations?

There have been multiple environmental investigations at which have been documented in the following reports:

- Site inspection by USACE, 1992
- Soil investigation by WDOE, 1999
- Sample collection from a private well by the City of Forks, 2002
- Preliminary site investigation by USACE, 2000
- Preliminary assessment by USACE, 2002
- Limited groundwater investigation, 2004
- Underground storage tank closure, 2004
- Expanded investigation by USACE, 2006
- RI field sampling activities by USACE, 2009-2011
- Remedial Investigation report, 2012
- Baseline risk assessment by USACE, 2013
- Proposed Plan, 2016

The Proposed Plan sets forth the recommendation for the 10 Investigation Areas. Risk assessment results indicate that all risks and hazards, with regard to human health or the environment, are within or below acceptable values and No Further Action is recommended for all of the Investigation Areas.

Investigation Area	Description
Investigation Area 1	Soil at Administration and Operations Area
Investigation Area 2	Soil at East Parcels Area
Investigation Area 3	Soil at Industrial Complex Area
Investigation Area 4	Closure of underground storage tank sites
Investigation Area 5	Groundwater at West Parcels Area
Investigation Area 6	Groundwater at Quillayute Airport Area
Investigation Area 7	Groundwater in the Vicinity of B44
Investigation Area 8	Groundwater in the Vicinity of the NI well
Investigation Area 9	Vapor Intrusion in the Vicinity of the B44 slab
Investigation Area 10	Vapor Intrusion in the Vicinity of the NI well

What happens next?

Public comments will be reviewed by USACE and WDOE and considered in the selection of the final action. After comments are evaluated, the final action will be published in a Decision Document. The Army will respond to significant comments in the Responsiveness Summary section of the Decision Document.

What's the Site History

The 1,202-acre property was acquired by the War Department in the early 1940s and developed as an auxiliary air station for joint U.S. Army and U.S. Navy use. During World War II, the facility was used for practice B-24 bombing missions¹, P-38 fighter aircraft missions, and deployment of surveillance blimps. Jurisdiction over the facility was fully transferred to the U.S. Navy in 1944 when it was officially commissioned 'NAAS Quillayute'. In June 1946, the property was declared excess and was transferred to the War Assets Administration. The site was transferred to the General Services Administration for disposal without restriction in the early 1960s.

A majority of the property was acquired by the State of Washington in 1962 for use as an emergency landing field while the rest of the property was sold to the Quillayute Prairie School District or to private individuals. The site was used as a clubhouse and campsite for a flying club from 1964 to 1975.

The portion of the site occupied by the Quillayute Airport is currently owned and operated by the City of Forks. The Quillayute Airport is primarily used by recreational fliers.



How can I get more information?

The Proposed Plan and other site-related documents provide details of the nature and extent of contamination and the work that has been completed at the former NOP. These documents are part of the Administrative Record file and available at the following location:

Forks Branch Library
171 South Forks Avenue
Forks, Washington 98331
(360) 674-6402

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the following USACE or WDOE personnel:

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¹ No evidence found of bombing ranges at the site.

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