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Military: Alameda Point Naval Air Station

The Alameda Point Naval Air Station (1939-1997) occupied 2,700 acres of shoreline, and filled tidelands on the West End of the Island City of Alameda. The last major industrial facility to comply with Water Pollution control requirements in the San Francisco Bay Area, virtually all the hazardous waste generated by the Navy at this facility was dumped into the bay or atmosphere.

[Toxic Mapping Project](#)

Federal property disposal regulations require an Environmental Baseline Survey be completed. Alameda Point was divided into 206 land parcels and the Navy conducted individual toxics investigations at each parcel. Clearwater Revival Company has summarized the results of these investigations and human health risk screens. This information graphically indexed. Simply clicking your mouse on a map of Alameda Point will retrieve the information for the area that interests you.

[Identified Toxic Waste Sites](#)

Twenty-five separate toxic waste sites at Alameda Point have been referred for cleanup since sampling for toxins began in 1983. Each of the 25 sites must undergo a Remedial Investigation to determine the boundaries of soil and groundwater contamination, a Feasibility Study to determine the most effective way to cleanup contamination, and a Record of Decision to agree to complete the cleanup as proposed. None of the 25

[Radiation Cleanup Program](#)

The problem with radiation contamination continues to mushroom beyond the limits of contamination previously reported. The public was allowed unlimited access to one area that has shown extensive surface radiation contamination. The handling of depleted uranium munitions, and the use of radium paints in fluorescent dials is the suspected source of much of the contamination.

[Underground Storage Tanks](#)

The volume of petroleum fuels spilled during operation of the Alameda Point Naval Air Station far exceeds the volume spilled during the Valdez disaster in Prince William Sound. During the recent removal of 100 underground fuel storage tanks over half were found to be leaking. The removal of several miles of fuel pipelines in 1998-99 has demonstrated the impact these fuel spills continue to have on the bay.

Environmental
Engineering

sites has completed the Remedial Investigation Report stage.

Hazardous Waste Facilities

The Alameda Point Naval Air Station was cited for serious violations of hazardous waste regulations during each of its annual inspections and has the distinction of being the first Federal facility to pay a fine to the State of California. Violations continue to occur during closure of permitted facilities.

Citizen Oversight

Clearwater Revival Company has policed the Navy Cleanup program on behalf of a local citizens watchdog group. The Environmental Justice Progress Report is used to document many of Clearwater Revival's observations.

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