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## **U. S. Navy Agrees with California Regulators for Local Military Base Cleanup**

Sacramento---The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the signing of an enforceable Federal Facilities Site Remediation Agreement (FFSRA) with the U.S. Navy for the cleanup of the Long Beach Naval Complex located in Long Beach.

The agreement was signed by Elsie L. Muncell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, for the Environment and Safety; and John E. Scandura, Chief, Southern California Operations Branch, Office of Military Facilities, DTSC.

The Long Beach Naval Complex includes the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and Naval Station. U.S. Navy operations officially ceased at the Naval Station in 1994 and at the Naval Shipyard in 1997.

Since 1983, environmental investigation and remediation efforts at the Long Beach Naval Complex have been ongoing in areas where ship maintenance operations resulted in the disposal of hazardous wastes including solvents, oils, contaminated fuels, degreasers, paint wastes, acids, polychlorinated biphenyls, pesticides, metals, vinyl chloride, and petroleum hydrocarbons.

The primary purpose of the Agreement is to ensure that the environmental impacts resulting from past military activities are investigated and that the appropriate cleanup actions are designed and implemented.

The Agreement outlines the Navy's obligations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), which provide for the investigation and implementation of cleanup actions.

Under the agreement, DTSC will review and approve a Site Management Plan which outlines remedial work and imposes enforceable deadlines. The Site Management Plan will be reviewed and updated annually. The agreement also requires the Navy to submit quarterly progress reports.

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