

# **SURFACE WARFARE OFFICERS SCHOOL Fact Sheet Update (September 2004)**



## **INTRODUCTION**

A Site Investigation (SI) is currently being conducted at the Surface Warfare Officers School.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SWOS site occupies approximately 90,000 square feet and was the location of the former Brig facility at NAVSTA Newport from 1951 until its demolition in 1996. It is located just north of Taylor Drive and the Old Fire Fighting Training Area (OFFTA) site (Site 09) on Coasters Harbor Island.

During construction of the Surface Warfare Officers School Applied Instruction Building on the site in 2003, oil was found in subsurface soils.

## **PREVIOUS STUDIES**

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for SWOS Building Site was conducted in 2001 to evaluate the potential presence of oil or hazardous materials at the site. There was no visual indication or available records of environmental contamination; however a recommendation to install and sample three groundwater monitoring wells to confirm the absence of groundwater contamination from the adjacent OFFTA site was made.

In response to oil found in soils uncovered during subsurface utility line exploration for the SWOS Applied Instruction Building, a Risk Assessment for Worker Exposure at the SWOS Site was completed in 2003. Soil samples were collected and analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and lead. It was determined that contaminant concentrations measured did not pose an immediate threat to site occupants.



## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

A Site Investigation is currently being conducted at the SWOS site to identify the source of contamination. A draft work plan is in preparation and fieldwork is anticipated to commence in 2005.



Surface Warfare Officers School Applied Instruction Building

## **NEXT STEPS**

In 2005 the Navy will complete the SI. Further actions will be contingent on the analytical findings. If it is appropriate, removal actions will be conducted with those being performed at the adjacent OFFTA site.

The Navy will keep the public informed of progress at this site through the Restoration Advisory Board and other outreach programs.