

PUBLIC NOTICE

Army Corps of Engineers To Perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at South Beach, Cape Poge Little Neck and Tisbury Great Pond

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District with the assistance from the U. S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH), and its contractor UXB International, will conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on Martha's Vineyard at the former Moving Target Machine Gun Range at South Beach, the former Cape Poge Little Neck Bomb Target Site at Chappaquiddick and the Former Bombing Range at Tisbury Great Pond.

The objective of the Remedial Investigation at all three sites is to determine the areas where ordnance is located and may present a safety hazard. Geophysical surveys will be conducted to locate metallic objects buried in the deep waters on the ocean side, the shallow water closer to the shorelines, the beaches, dunes, mudflats, upland areas, and respective ponds. Work is currently ongoing offshore. The majority of the work, however, is scheduled to commence in October 2010.

To perform the geophysical surveys and obtain soil and/or sediment samples, required as part of the RI/FS, the Corps of Engineers is in the process of acquiring rights of entry from land owners, giving the Corps and its contractors permission to enter onto private property to conduct the work.

The Corps will be on the agenda of the following local meetings to give a brief project presentation and orientation as to the properties that the Corps needs access to.

14 August: Quansoo Beach Association Annual Meeting, 3:00 pm, Polly Hill Arboretum, The Far Barn, 795 State Road, West Tisbury, MA

16 August: Edgartown Town Selectmen's Meeting, 4:00 pm, Edgartown Town Hall, 70 Main Street, Edgartown, MA

17 August: Chillmark Town Selectmen's Meeting, 7:30 pm, Chillmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Road, Chillmark, MA

25 August: West Tisbury Town Selectmen's Meeting, 4:30 pm, West Tisbury Town Hall, 1059 State Road, West Tisbury, MA

Residents from all communities and particularly affected landowners in the vicinity of each project are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled meetings. Affected properties include residents of Tisbury Great Pond who own property surrounding the pond or who own a parcel/key access to the barrier beach; South Beach properties along Atlantic Drive; South Beach properties from Norton Point to Wasque Point; and Cape Poge on both the inner and outer shores.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, Ms. Carol Ann Charette, Project Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers, at 978-318-8605 (office) or 978-505-2918 (cell).

A repository containing documents that make up the project administrative record will be available to the public at the Edgartown Library and the West Tisbury Library once the projects start.

The public is reminded that if they see an item that may be munitions they should not touch the item; immediately retreat from the area, and call 911.