

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: FINDING OF SUITABILITY TO TRANSFER (FOST) FOR THE NAVAL SPECIAL AREAS, MOMBASA, KENYA

Ref: (a) Environmental Base Line Survey (EBS) Naval Special Areas, Mombasa, Kenya, dtd 2001 November  
(b) ASN (I&E) Environmental Policy Memorandum 22 Dec. 93:  
(c) DON Environmental Policy Memorandum 95-03:  
(d) ASTM E-1527-00, Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Process

**PURPOSE**

This memorandum is provided to document the finding that the subject property is environmentally suitable for transfer to MARCENT. MARCENT has been tasked to write a request for these properties up their chain of command to CMC.

CMC has asked for a FOST for the properties that will be transferred so that they can keep this as part of their records. The EBS (reference a) covers all the Naval properties in Kenya; however, NAVCENT will only be turning over certain properties located at the International Airport.

**PAST AND CURRENT USE**

Navy facilities in the Mombasa area were constructed in the early 1980s but there are few records or as-built drawings available. The lack of good documentation and up-to-date information may be primarily due to the U.S. Navy never having fully established a permanent presence at the Mombasa facilities. The U.S. Marines and the Air force have reportedly conducted periodic training and humanitarian operations at the Mombasa facilities. A summary of past uses of the site is included in reference (a).

**PROPOSED FUTURE USE**

It is anticipated the US Marines will continue to use the property for various operations in support of their overall mission.

**SUMMARY OF EBS FINDINGS**

In accordance with reference (b) & (c), reference (a) was prepared in November 2001 following guidelines as proposed in reference (d). The significant findings of the EBS are summarized below. The purpose of the EBS was to identify past hazardous substances or petroleum product storage, release, treatment or disposal at the subject property and to document other significant findings regarding present or past environmental conditions.

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT STORAGE**

Information on storage of hazardous substances or petroleum products was investigated during the work associated with reference (a). No significant HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT STORAGE issues were identified on the property

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT RELEASE, TREATMENT OR DISPOSAL AND ASSOCIATED REMEDIAL EFFORTS**

During the site visit for reference (a) all readily available information was gathered and reviewed which included information on past hazardous substance or petroleum product release, treatment or disposal gathered through Navy investigations. The EBS identified no adverse site conditions, which affect the transfer of property.

**REQUIRED FUTURE ACCESS AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

Based upon the information contained in reference (a) no future access or use restrictions are required.

**FINDING**

No significant environmental issues were identified on the property during the work associated with reference (a). Therefore, it is determined that the subject property can be transferred for the proposed use.

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