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Editor's Note: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is providing this Update to inform the public about USACE's work at the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD). USACE greatly appreciates the public's interest in this environmental restoration project and invites you to learn more about FNOD by visiting the web page at <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Library/Factsheets/FNOD/> or by contacting our Public Affairs representative, Kerry Solan, at (757) 201-7258.

FNOD Experiences Personnel Transitions

Due to a reorganization and retirement, FNOD is losing two long-serving and valued members of the team—Rob Thomson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Remedial Project Manager (RPM), and Gerald (Jerry) Rogers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Affairs Specialist. At the same time, FNOD welcomes Gerald (Jerry) Hoover as its new USEPA RPM and Kerry Solan as its new USACE Public Affairs Specialist.



Rob Thomson

Because of the recent loss of USEPA project managers in Region III, Rob has been reassigned to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head and will also assume the duties as the USEPA RPM at the main Indian Head Naval facility, as well as the Stump Neck Naval Annex. Rob began serving as the FNOD RPM in 1988 and was the sole USEPA RPM for Nansemond for over 25 years. He will wrap up issues and comments related to several outstanding documents as he transitions from FNOD.

Jerry Hoover is assuming the duties as the new USEPA RPM for FNOD. He has been with the USEPA for 23 years, working with about a dozen private and federal Superfund sites, including the Naval Weapon Station Yorktown, Cheatham Annex (Williamsburg, Virginia), Letterkenny Army Depot (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania), and Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard (Baltimore, Maryland). Jerry noted that the Curtis Bay site was a huge success story. The site was listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 2002 and reached cleanup completion in 2013, which was a record as the fastest federal cleanup in the state of Maryland. (Curtis Bay is much smaller than



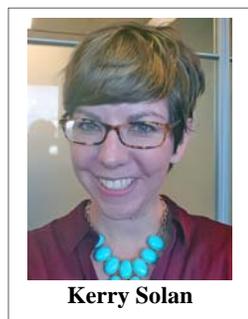
Jerry Hoover

FNOD and has not been delisted from the NPL to date). FNOD will be Jerry's first experience in working with a Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Superfund project.



Jerry Rogers

Jerry Rogers has served on the FNOD team since his arrival at Norfolk District in August 2003. He has seen project managers and other agency team leaders come and go through the years, but the FNOD RAB and its current contract facilitators, whom he could always depend on, have been the one constant on the project, which continues its steady clean-up progress. Jerry will retire on December 31, after 24 years of service in the U.S. Army, and 24 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Kerry Solan

Kerry Solan has been with USACE for four years. She was active duty in the U.S. Air Force for six years previous to that, during which she also worked in the public affairs realm. Her Air Force assignments took her from Texas to Maryland to Virginia to Germany to Iraq, and now USACE has brought her back to Virginia. At the Corps, she oversees the public website as well as the Norfolk District's social media platforms. Kerry has been closely shadowing Jerry Rogers for months now, and asking lots of FNOD-related questions, because she knows she has big shoes to fill. Like Jerry Hoover, FNOD will be her first experience in working with a FUDS Superfund project. As a final note, Kerry is from Texas, but doesn't say "ya'll" and isn't Cowboys fan. She does, however, appreciate a good steak.

