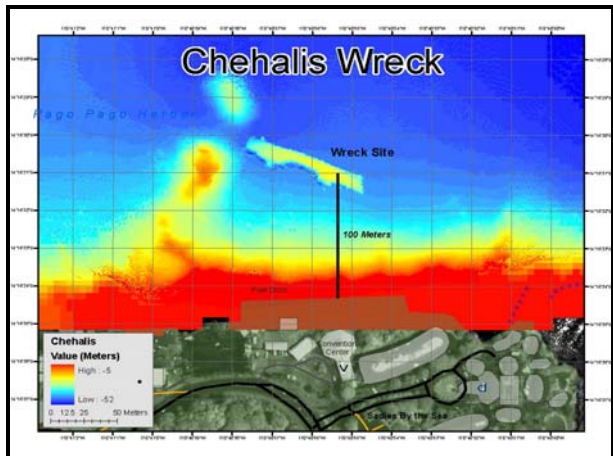


U.S. NAVAL STATION (USNS) TUTUILA



HISTORY:

The U.S. Naval Station (USNS) Tutuila site lies along the southwest border of Pago Pago Harbor and includes 81 acres of land. The site contains a sunken World War II-era vessel called the *USS Chehalis*. On October 7, 1949, while off-loading fuel cargo in Tutuila, the vessel suffered a gasoline explosion, burned, and sank 350 feet from the fuel dock. The 310-foot, 4130-ton *Chehalis* was carrying a cargo of approximately 2,000 rounds of 3-inch ammunition, 16,000 rounds of 20mm ammunition, and 400,000 gallons of petroleum when it sank in the Pago Pago Harbor. There is evidence that a significant volume of fuel has leaked from the vessel's cargo tanks during the past 5 years. Remaining on board the *Chehalis* is roughly 115,000 gallons of fuel. The Archives Search Report (ASR) Supplement assigned the *USS Chehalis* a Risk Assessment Code (RAC) of 2, with a *critical* hazard severity and *probable* hazard probability.

CURRENT STATUS:

Environmental Assessments have been completed by AS-EPA (*Environmental Assessment for USS Chehalis Pago Pago Harbor American Samoa Phase I, II, III December 2006, 2007* CH2M Hill). The Oceanic Regional Response Team (ORRT) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently performed a risk assessment of the site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted Parsons Engineering to perform an assessment of the munitions on board the vessel. In April 2009, the U.S. Navy, in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, conducted preliminary site investigations in an effort to remove the fuel from the vessel.

Details	
Category:	FUDS
Island:	Tutuila
Village:	Pago Pago Harbor
Response Status:	Ongoing
Land Use Restrictions:	N/A
Controls:	N/A
Lead Agency:	US Army Corps of Engineers
Enforcement Authority:	AS-EPA
Property Status:	American Samoa Government