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### ***GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW FUEL FACILITY***

**SAN DIEGO, CA** (March 27, 2009) - Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL) officially broke ground for Military Construction Project 401 (MILCON P-401), a new state-of-the-art fuel storage facility at the Defense Fuel Support Point, Point Loma, located aboard the Submarine Base Complex of Naval Base Point Loma. MILCON P-401 is a five year, \$139 million construction project to replace an aging fuel storage facility originally constructed between 1930 and 1950.

Defense Fuel Support Point, Point Loma is the only defense fuel facility in the Southern California region, providing fleet assets and airfields annually with fuel valued at \$500M. Last year alone, DFSP handled 7.7 million barrels (323 million gallons) of fuel in more than 1,278 fueling evolutions, making it the largest single fuel handling facility in the Navy inventory. Defense Fuel Support Point, Point Loma currently consists of a total of 54 above and below ground storage tanks with a capacity of 100 million barrels.

MILCON P-401 is a Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Energy Support Center sponsored and funded project, awarded on September 26, 2008. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest will execute the project and awarded the contract to Nova Group, Inc. - Underground Construction Company, Inc (UCCO), as a Joint Venture. "This project demonstrates the Navy and the Defense Logistic Agency's commitment to the energy support mission", said Rear Admiral Mark Heinrich, Director, Logistics Operations and Readiness (J-3/4) for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Rear Admiral Heinrich went on to say "this state-of-the-art project is a tribute to the support that the facility has provided to the community, the state, and will continue its long legacy of service to the Navy."

Noted as the largest construction project ever within the Department of Defense, MILCON P-401 will construct six 125,000 barrel, above ground fuel storage tanks, replacing 750,000 barrels of the existing one million barrels of jet fuel (JP-5) and diesel (DFM) fuel storage capacity at Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) on

Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL). The project will also replace an aged pump house, dispensing systems, distribution piping, and fuel oil reclamation facility, forming a complete and usable facility. Site preparation and improvements include extensive earthwork operations, earth retaining structures, access roads, storm and sanitary sewers, sedimentation basins, site lighting, security fencing, electrical distribution systems and emergency generators.

P-401 is designed for the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. This certification will be pursued throughout construction process and will be the first ever Fuel Facility to achieve LEED Certification. P-401 is recognized as the 'ultimate solution' to the underground fuel plume issue at NBPL and to prevent future fuel releases into the ground. "We are committed to making absolutely certain that we live and respect the community (Point Loma) that we operate in and around," said Rear Admiral Len Hering, Commander, Navy Region Southwest. Rear Admiral Hering also thanked the local Point Loma community for their support as the Navy moves through this construction process. Rear Admiral Hering closed the ceremony by saying "I guarantee that we will keep a very watchful eye to make sure this project continues on time, on budget, on schedule, and with as minimum of an impact as possible, to the local community, than what can be expected for a project of this size."

When completed, Defense Fuel Support Point, Point Loma will allow for the closure of 75 percent of existing aging above ground and underground storage tanks and provide environmental mitigation and remediation of contaminated soil. The MILCON P-401 project contract also includes options for two additional tanks, which would allow closure of 100 percent of the existing aging above ground and underground storage tanks while maintaining the total facility capacity at one million barrels.

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