

BIO-SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CARGO BEING
TRANSPORTED TO SAN NICOLAS ISLAND VIA BARGE,
AIRCRAFT, OR OTHER TRANSPORT METHODS

NBVC Bio-Security Program Information

The below requirements are set forth under Naval Base Ventura County Instruction (5090.14) to establish policy, guidelines, and responsibility for reducing potential introduction of ecologically harmful non-native flora or fauna to San Nicolas Island (SNI) via barges or aircraft flights. When non-native species are introduced into new areas there are almost always detrimental effects to the ecosystem. Impacts are usually more severe when introduced to island environments. These detrimental effects can have an adverse effect to Navy mission by damaging property and reducing mission capabilities, impacting training areas, introducing human and animal disease, contaminating food, impacting federally endangered or sensitive species, and destroying habitat and ecosystem diversity and function.

To reduce chances of accidental introductions, cargo will be inspected for bio-security threats (presence of plants, animals, invertebrates, and soil) at Point Mugu or Port Hueneme staging areas before transport, or for non-regular cargo, inspections may occur on San Nicolas Island (SNI) prior to offloading. This may involve lifting of tarps or some movement of material if view obstructed. If the below bio-security requirements have not been met by the shipping party, cargo will be red-tagged and will not be allowed to be loaded on barge or aircraft, or will have to immediately be taken off SNI. The shipping party will be contacted if below requirements are not met and cargo red-tagged and determined a threat to bio-security. The shipping party must then ensure all bio-security requirements below are met and bio-security threat removed before Environmental Division will authorize for transport to SNI. After noted threats are remedied, cargo will then be re-inspected by the Environmental Division and if the threat is removed, cargo will be authorized for transport to SNI. All of the below requirements must be completed by all shipping parties.

Any costs incurred by delays due to cargo being unfit for transport or from required cleaning or pest extermination are the sole responsibility of the shipping party.

Shipping Party Requirements

1. A contact information tag (or written on, if boxed) must be prominently displayed on barge shipping materials. Information must include name of shipping party, general description of cargo being shipped, and a contact phone number.
2. All cargo shipped to SNI must be inspected by shipping party to ensure no stowaway plants, animals, or invertebrates are present before taken to staging area. If insects are found (ants, spiders, snails, etc), they must be removed or sprayed with insecticide. Any animals must be removed from cargo. Flashlights should be used to search in dark corners for eye-shine of mammals or presence of animal droppings. All cargo must be clean and free of soil, plant material, or debris, as soil may harbor plant seeds. Cargo must be clean (ie. dumpsters or heavy equipment buckets must be power-washed and swept out).
3. Vehicles and heavy equipment must be power-washed throughout, including underneath frame and wheel wells to remove excess dirt that may harbor invasive seeds.
4. All base material such as gravel for road or airfield repair projects must be certified "weed free", with no soil/sediment allowed to be transported to the island.
5. Cargo material openings must be closed if feasible, so no animals may find refuge while awaiting transport in staging areas.
6. If feces are found (such as mouse droppings) during inspection and/or cleaning by shipping party, Environmental Division must be notified ((805) 989-3808, or (805) 989-4740) so an intensive search of cargo can be completed at staging area to ensure cargo is free of any stowaway animals.
7. The shipping party is responsible for contacting Environmental Division to arrange for a re-inspection of cargo that has been red-tagged, once issues are remedied.
8. Shipping via non-regularly scheduled barges or cargo flights must be arranged in advance with Environmental Division to arrange inspection on or before transport to SNI.