

DEQ Staff Paul Herman and Eric Salopek received national awards from the United States Navy as members of the Naval Station Norfolk and Little Creek partnering teams. The teams each received the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Award. These awards recognize exceptional environmental stewardship by navy ships, installations, individuals or teams for exemplifying the Navy's steadfast commitment to protecting and sustaining the natural environment as a global force for good. The Naval Station Norfolk team also received the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award and the 2010 VA Team of the Year Award. This award recognizes impressive accomplishments and steadfast dedication to a greener future. The Naval Station Norfolk team achieved the construction complete milestone, providing over 22 acres of reusable outdoor recreation space, and where 172 sites were evaluated over 27 years. The Little Creek team created tidal wetlands as part of a demolition debris landfill restoration site and developed a plan to address chlorinated solvents in groundwater with an enhanced reductive de-chlorination remedy. Paul and Eric were honored during the annual awards ceremony at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, DC on June 7, 2011.