

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CERCLA ENGINEERING EVALUATION / COST ANALYSIS FOR THE NORTHERN BURNING GROUND AT THE RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The US Army Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) announces the availability of a document relating to the installation restoration activities at the Northern Burning Ground (NBG) located within the New River Unit.

FACTILITY NAME AND LOCATION: The Northern Burning Ground is located within the New River Unit of the RFAAP which is about six miles west of the main facility, near the town of Dublin, Virginia. The NBG is located in the northwest portion of the New River Unit. Burning operations were conducted directly on the ground surface at the NBG in the past.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) is a document that evaluates three cleanup alternatives for soils at the NBG. The alternatives include: 1) a no action alternative as required to establish a baseline to compare the other alternatives; 2) excavation and off-site disposal of soil containing lead and chromium to achieve industrial closure; and 3) excavation and off-site disposal of soil containing lead and chromium to achieve residential closure. The recommended alternative is excavation and off-site disposal of soil containing lead and chromium to achieve residential closure. This alternative is preferred because it is most protective of human health and the environment and eliminates the need for maintaining long-term land-use controls.

TO REVIEW THE EE/CA: The public may view the document at the Christiansburg Branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library System during normal library hours.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Public comments will be received for 30 days beginning September 20, 2009 ending October 20, 2009.

HOW TO COMMENT: Radford Army Ammunition Plant will accept comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by the Army within the designated comment period. All comments must be directed to Joy Case, Public Affairs Officer, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Route 114, Peppers Ferry Road, Building 220, Radford, VA 24141-0099; phone (540) 731 5762; fax (540) 639-7789; e-mail joy.case@us.army.mil.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm at the New River Competitiveness Center located at 6580 Valley Center Dr., Radford VA, 24141.

HOW THE DECISION IS MADE: Following the public comment period, all comments will be reviewed and considered. The selected alternative will be documented in an Action Memorandum, which will be made available to the public later this year. The final remediation decision will be made jointly by the Army and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.