



BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter

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This Quarter's Focus:
Common Q&A's

This quarterly newsletter is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, with the intent to keep the community informed of the progress on the BEP replacement Currency Production Facility (CPF) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). USACE signed an interagency agreement with BEP in March 2019 to coordinate this replacement effort, including environmental assessments and design and construction oversight for the main facility and supporting structures, parking and stormwater management facilities, roadway access and improvements, utility connections, security systems and access control.

BEP Currency Production Facility Commonly Asked Questions:

Q1: What is the project status?

A1: Construction contract solicitation is in progress with an anticipated construction start in late 2024. BEP & USACE continue to keep stakeholders informed with engagement for offsite roadway improvements with the State, County, USDA, and National Park Service counterparts.

Q2: When will BEP employees move-in?

A2: BEP plans for a 4-year transition period for operations. BEP phased occupancy will begin in late 2027, with a fully operational facility by 2031.

Q3: What's happening on site right now?

A3: Tree felling, debris removal, and site restoration is occurring in accordance with CPF site design and will conclude in Spring 2024.

Q4: When will offsite traffic improvements be completed?

A4: Offsite roadway improvements on Edmonston Rd. and Powder Mill Rd. by the BW parkway are currently planned to be complete by 2031, before the CPF becomes fully operational. Roadway improvement construction will be phased post CPF facility construction.

Q5: Will the CPF have public tours?

A5: The Currency Production Facility has a planned public tour program that will open after the facility is fully operational.

Q6: When will the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the off-site roadway and utility updates be made public?

A6: The current schedule has the Draft Supplemental EA being released to the public late Apr/early May 2024. Notifications will be made via local/regional newspapers and email to those who have opted into the distribution list.

What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?



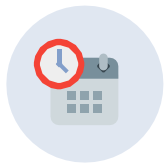
BEP is the bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury responsible for designing and printing U.S. currency notes issued by the Federal Reserve Board. BEP currently operates currency production facilities in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. BEP's current Washington, D.C. facility is more than 100 years old and limits BEP's ability to modernize its operations. So BEP, in coordination with USACE, is planning the construction and operation of a more efficient, modern facility at BARC to meet currency production needs.

Project Status Updates



Environmental

BEP completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the Record of Decision (ROD) signed in October 2021. A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently ongoing. The purpose of the Supplemental EA is to evaluate the potential impacts to traffic and utilities mitigation.



Upcoming Events & Milestones

- April-May 2024: Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Summer 2024: Complete supplemental NEPA documentation
- Late 2024: Construction Start



Design

BEP and their design partners have completed the Currency Production Facility Design in Early 2024, with design including the building footprint, interior layout and facility site design.



Estimated Project Schedule



Site Preparation: Existing building demolition/hazardous material safely removed and disposed

Supplemental NEPA Complete

Construction Start

Construction End

Fully Operational