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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
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BALTIMORE, MD 21201

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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability and Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Decommissioning and Dismantlement of the Deactivated SM-1A Nuclear Power Plant, U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Fort Greely, Delta Junction, Alaska

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Army's Proposed Action to decommission and dismantle the Deactivated Stationary Medium Power Model 1A Nuclear Power Plant (SM-1A) at United States (U.S.) Army Garrison Alaska Fort Greely (Fort Greely) and release the property for unrestricted use.

Under the Proposed Action, USACE would 1) complete the proposed decommissioning and dismantlement of SM-1A in accordance with a Decommissioning Plan approved by the Army Reactor Office; 2) terminate the SM-1A decommissioning permit issued by the U.S. Army; and 3) release the SM-1A site for unrestricted use in accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations established in 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 20.1402, *Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use* and adopted by the Army. Implementation of the Proposed Action would occur over approximately 6 years beginning in 2022 and ending in 2028.

This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) (1978 as amended in 1986 and 2005), and Army NEPA regulations (32 CFR 651). Notice is also given pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as implemented in 36 CFR Part 800.

In accordance with 32 CFR 651.14, the Draft EA and Draft FNSI are available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning **February 26, 2021** and ending **March 28, 2021**.

Pending COVID-19 public health emergency restrictions, printed copies of the Draft EA and Draft FNSI are available for review or check out at the following local libraries (with electronic copies also available for download from the Z. J. Loussac Library and the Noel Wien Public Library):

Delta Community Library
2291 Deborah Street
Delta Junction, AK 99737

Z. J. Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, AK, 99503

Noel Wien Public Library
1215 Cowles Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Fort Wainwright Library
3700 Santiago Ave
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

The Draft EA and Draft FNSI are also available to view or download as follows:

Online <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A/>

Printed or Electronic Copy **Request via email:**
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In accordance with NEPA, USACE invites individuals and public agencies to participate in its decision-making process. Your comments on the Proposed Action, Draft EA, and Draft FNSI are requested. Written comments on the Draft EA and Draft FNSI (including requests for additional information about the Proposed Action and NEPA process) should be sent to USACE using the contact information provided above. **Comments should be submitted or postmarked by March 28, 2021.**

USACE will hold in-person public meetings at the following locations to provide interested parties and local communities an opportunity to learn about and comment on the Proposed Action, Draft EA, and Draft FNSI:

- **Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Conference Center**—813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701 on March 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/BRQPuLfonPM>
- **Delta Junction Community Center**—2287 Deborah Street, Delta Junction, AK 99731 on March 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/tX3PJLLzDo4>

Both meetings will have the same schedule and format consisting of a poster session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., a formal presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and a second poster session from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In consideration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the in-person public meetings will be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, health protection measures, and restrictions in effect at the time of the meetings. For individuals who do not wish to attend the in-person meetings, public meetings will also be conducted in a virtual/online format in accordance with the Interim Army Procedures for NEPA dated June 15, 2020. To join the virtual public meeting, navigate a web browser to sm1a.consultation.ai and follow the instructions. The virtual meeting will be open the same dates as the comment period.

Electronic copies of meeting materials will be available for viewing or download on the USACE project website and social media platforms throughout the 30-day public review period, regardless of the public meeting format. Additional information on the Proposed Action, public meetings, and how to join the stakeholder list is also available on the project website.

In accordance with NEPA, members of the general public; military personnel; federal, state, and local agencies; Alaska Natives; and non-governmental organizations with an interest in the Proposed Action are strongly encouraged to participate and submit comments during the 30-day public review period. If you need additional assistance with the review of the Draft EA, please contact the project team by emailing us at CENAB-SM1A@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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