

## Notice of Availability and Public Meeting

### Draft Environmental Assessment, Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative for the Decommissioning and Dismantlement of the Deactivated SM-1 Nuclear Reactor Facility Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia

**Proposed Action.** The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District proposes to fully decommission and dismantle the Deactivated Stationary Medium Power Model 1 (SM-1) Reactor Facility on Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County, Virginia to a standard that allows for release of the site for unrestricted use (proposed action). Under the proposed action, USACE would implement an Army Reactor Office-approved Decommissioning Plan to safely remove, transport, and dispose of remaining structures, equipment, and media from the Deactivated SM-1 site; validate that site conditions meet applicable cleanup standards; restore the site to a vegetated condition; and return the site to Fort Belvoir for future use. Through analysis and evaluation of the proposed action's potential environmental impacts, USACE concludes that there would be no significant adverse impacts on the physical, cultural, and natural environment.

**Public Notice.** Interested parties are hereby notified that USACE has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the proposed action. Notice is also made for a Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA), prepared by USACE to comply with Executive Order (EO) 11988, *Floodplain Management*.

**Statutory Authority.** 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] Parts 1500-1508), and Army NEPA regulations (32 CFR Part 651).

**Public Review.** In accordance with 32 CFR Part 651.14, the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA will be available for a six-week public review and comment period starting December 20, 2019 and concluding on January 31, 2020. The public may submit comments on these documents during this time.

Printed copies of the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA are available for review at the following local libraries:

Fort Belvoir Library	Kingstowne Library	Lorton Library
9800 Belvoir Rd, Bldg 200	6500 Landsdowne Centre	9520 Richmond Highway
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060	Alexandria, VA 22315-5011	Lorton, VA, 22079-2124

The Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA are available for view or download online or by request, as follows:

**Online**                    [www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1)  
<https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division>

**Compact Disc**            **Request by email to:**

[cenab-cc@usace.army.mil](mailto:cenab-cc@usace.army.mil)

**Request by mail to:**

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**Comments.** Written comments on the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA, or requests for additional information about the proposed action and environmental review, should be sent to USACE at the email or postal mail addresses noted above.

**Public Meetings.** USACE invites interested parties and the local community to attend public meetings for the Draft EA to learn more about the proposed action and environmental review. The public meetings will be held on January 7 and 8, 2020. Each meeting will be conducted in an open house format to include a short presentation followed by questions and answers from the audience. In accordance with NEPA, the participation of military personnel, federal, state, and local agencies, federally recognized tribes, organizations, and individuals with an interest in the proposed action is strongly encouraged.

The public meeting schedule will be:

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020 (On-Post\*)**

Thurman Hall, Building 247, 270 Kuhn Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

(\* Due to Fort Belvoir security requirements, attendance at the on-post meetings is limited to Department of Defense military and civilian personnel, Fort Belvoir residents, and Fort Belvoir contractors/civilian employees.)

- Afternoon Meeting: Open House/Poster Session 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Formal Presentation and Audience Questions 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Evening Meeting: Open House/Poster Session 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Formal Presentation and Audience Questions 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (Off-Post – Open to the General Public)**

Fairfax South County Office, Room 221, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309

- Open House/Poster Session 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Formal Presentation and Audience Questions 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Interested parties are encouraged to provide written or oral comments at the meetings. Should you require special assistance due to a disability, have limited English proficiency, or have other questions or concerns about the public meeting, please contact the USACE Corporate Communication team at 410-962-2809 in advance of the event. Please note that presentations at the different sessions will all be the same and will be shared online following the meetings.

Updates regarding the Deactivated SM-1 Decommissioning project, how to join the stakeholder updates list and public meeting information are available on the USACE project website at: [www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1/](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1/).