

Notice of Availability

Final Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Finding of No Practicable Alternative for the Proposed Decommissioning and Dismantlement of the Deactivated SM-1 Nuclear Reactor Facility US Army Garrison 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). 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 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the proposed action. Notice is also made for a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA), prepared in accordance 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 Final EA, FNSI, and FONPA are being made available for a 30-day wait period starting on May 21, 2020 and ending on June 20, 2020 before being officially finalized. These final documents address comments received during the public review period that was held between December 2019 and January 2020. This notice is provided for disclosure purposes only and public comments on the Final EA, FNSI, and FONPA will not be accepted or addressed by USACE. The NEPA process will conclude at the end of this 30-day period and USACE may proceed with implementing the proposed action thereafter.

Local libraries, churches, and other public facilities where printed copies of the Final EA, FNSI, and FONPA would normally be made available are currently closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency. Therefore, these documents will be available for review online or by request, as follows:

Online

www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1

<https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division>

<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov>

Compact Disc

Request by email to:

cenab-cc@usace.army.mil

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Printed copies of the Final EA, FNSI, and FONPA will be made available for review at the following local libraries once the current State of Emergency has been resolved:

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

More Information. More information about the SM-1 Decommissioning project and how to join the SM-1 project stakeholder notification list is available on the USACE project website at www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1/ or by contacting the USACE Corporate Communication team at 410-375-4565.