SM-1A Project Update, May 3, 2019

Dear SM-1A Stakeholders,

We'd like to thank everyone who took time in late April to attend our on-post project update and the community update after the Fort Greely Restoration Advisory Board. Our team was excited to receive feedback during these meetings. The feedback received throughout this process is the key to our success and we appreciate the helpful and insightful comments we received at both sessions.

For those who could not attend in person, the presentations presented at both sessions are now available online at the project website: https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A/. We've also updated the project site to include the posters presented and some additional photos of the SM-1A site. As we move forward with our planning process for the dismantling and decommissioning of the SM-1A Deactivated Nuclear Power Plant, we will continue to seek feedback, engage with our stakeholders and the public, and transparently distribute project information.

The team is using the data collected from our visit in April to work to develop a Request for Proposal to award a contract to engineer the Utility Segregation between the north and south ends of the plant. The utility segregation work is critical to the project in that it will allow our team to ensure the Fort Greely staff that we will not interfere with the utilities provided by the south end of the plant (water, steam, back up electricity, etc.). We anticipate that this engineering effort will be awarded by July.

The project team will be returning to the SM-1A site at Fort Greely in the late July/early August timeframe to host a site visit for contractors interested in bidding on the Decommissioning Project. Specific information on the contractor site visit will be posted on FedBiz Ops in the next month or so. Once the details are available, we will provide the information to the stakeholders, as well. During the visit, our team will also perform additional work required for our planning process, plus we will start the engineering design work for the utility segregation.

As a reminder, the SM-1A deactivated nuclear power plant on Fort Greely has been deactivated since the early 1970s. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District - a Regional Radiological Center of Expertise – and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District are working together closely with Army Garrison Alaska to implement the SM-1A decommissioning and dismantlement.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing its early planning stages work to develop the various planning documents for the final decommissioning and dismantling of the facility. The team anticipates awarding a contract for the decommissioning work as early as 2022, meaning decommissioning work on site likely will not begin until 2022 or 2023 at the earliest.

As always, feel free to e-mail any questions or concerns you may have to me.