

SM-1A Project Update, May 19, 2020

Dear SM-1A Stakeholders,

We wanted to reach out to provide an update on SM-1A decommissioning planning process, and what the team has been doing during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation. Though travel restrictions are currently still in effect, limiting the ability of our team to travel to Alaska, the team has continued to make progress on different aspects of the project.

In our last Stakeholder Update, we shared that our annual April project update meeting with the public was cancelled. We look forward to rescheduling the meeting later this calendar year, when it is safe to do so. We are currently targeting a September meeting date, if possible.

Our project team is continuing to make progress on the project, despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19. Our contractor, APTIM Federal Services, is continuing the engineering of the utility segregation to separate the operational Central Heating and Power Plant from the historical former SM-1A portion of the building. The final design work is on schedule to be completed in September of 2020. The team just finished reviewing the 60% Design package for this engineering design work. We anticipate issuing a Sources Sought Request by late May for the implementation of this utility segregation work.

In addition to the design work, progress is being made on the Decommissioning Planning. The project team is working with our contractor to review historical site data. Based on a data gap analysis of our prior reports, the team performed additional investigative efforts in December 2019, plus we are planning another round of investigative efforts for late summer/early fall. The project team has also started preliminary efforts on the Environmental Assessment, Section 106 Historical Mitigation, and the Decommissioning Plan. We are working closely with installation staff on these efforts. The Environmental Assessment and Section 106 Historical Mitigation process will allow for ample opportunity for public participation. We look forward to engaging with stakeholders through this effort and encourage you to be active in this process with our team. Requests will be sent out seeking participation at various phases of the Environmental Assessment and Section 106 processes.

A Technical Project Planning (TPP) meeting to engage our stakeholders is also planned for late-July/early-August. The meeting will include Fort Greely staff, State regulators, the Army Reactor Office, and other key stakeholders. The TPP process is an opportunity for the project team to collaborate with regulators, stakeholders and others with local expertise to incorporate their insights early into project planning. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 status and guidance to ensure the safety of the team and to adhere to all appropriate public safety measures. To ensure the project is moving forward, we will host a pre-Technical Project Planning meeting virtually in June to engage these stakeholders. The results of the pre-TPP and TPP meetings will help inform our late summer field efforts, as well.

Finally, the team is preparing to start the contract acquisition process for the Decommissioning and Dismantlement of the SM-1A. A Sources Sought will be released for this contract action to assist the team in developing our market research and contract acquisition approach. We anticipate this will be released by early June. We are targeting an award of this contract during FY22.

As always, our team hopes all of you remain safe during this unprecedented situation. We continue to appreciate your continued feedback and support.

Thank you for signing up to receive these periodic updates regarding the ongoing efforts to decommission the SM-1A deactivated nuclear power plant at Fort Greely. You can continue to find additional project background information, previous updates and more on our project website at [www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A/](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A/).

As always, feel free to e-mail any questions or concerns you may have to me or our Corporate Communications Team at [CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil](mailto:CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil).