

SM-1A Project Update, July 8, 2020

Dear SM-1A Stakeholders,

We wanted to provide some quick SM-1A updates on the Technical Project Planning (TPP) process, contracting efforts and the early stages of the NEPA process.

As we shared earlier, we successfully held two virtual pre-TPP sessions for the SM-1A project in mid-June. We had great participation and received valuable feedback that will help us continue to refine our planning efforts.

For those interested, the pre-TPP presentations slides, as well as the meeting minutes, are now available to view on the project web site at www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A.

We were hoping to be able to host an on-site TPP meeting later this summer, but the COVID-19 situation has not improved enough to do so at this time. This would have involved personnel from across Alaska and the Lower 48 - including Fort Greely staff, State regulators, the Army Reactor Office, and other key stakeholders - traveling and meeting together which may pose unnecessary health risks to the installation staff and local community, so we have made the decision to postpone the TPP. We will be hosting one on one meetings with regulators to plan for additional sampling efforts at the site (planned for late September). We hope to host the on-site TPP early next year. We will be setting up the focused regulatory calls for the first two weeks of August.

Regarding contracting, as a reminder, tomorrow is the last day to submit responses to the Sources Sought notice for the Decommissioning and Dismantling. It can be viewed here:

https://beta.sam.gov/opp/bb631336870647a8aeb5a3b0e493072b/view?keywords=W912DR20R0045&sort=-relevance&index=&is_active=true&page=1

The Sources Sought is a market research tool being used to determine the availability of potential qualified contractors before determining the method of acquisition. Instructions on how to submit responses to the Sources Sought Notice and what to include in responses are available in the link above.

We're also happy to share that our planning team, including our decommissioning planning contractor, has started initial efforts associated with the NEPA process, and are in the early stages of preparing a draft Environmental Assessment regarding the SM-1A project. Even at this early stage, we welcome feedback from stakeholders regarding the Proposed Action, which is the decommissioning and dismantling of the deactivated SM-1A nuclear reactor at Fort Greely. You are welcome to send feedback of things you would like considered in the preparation of the EA to our Corporate Communication Office at CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil.

The project team also plans to host a virtual scoping meeting to allow for feedback later this summer. We will be providing specific information on this meeting once it is formally planned. We held similar scoping-like public information sessions as part of the draft EA preparation for the SM-1 decommissioning project in Virginia and found it to be an excellent opportunity to engage the public and stakeholders. We also got excellent feedback that helped our team produce a more informed draft EA.

The team believes public engagement is key to the success of the SM-1A project, especially as we work to assess potential ecological, cultural, water, public health and safety, and waste management effects

associated with the project through the EA process. By inviting early feedback, we believe this will help our planning team produce the best and most informed possible draft EA.

We will still have a formal comment period for the draft EA once it is completed, which we anticipate will occur in March 2021. At that point, depending on the COVID-19 situation, we plan to host public information sessions in multiple locations in Alaska to inform the public about the SM-1A project and take formal comments. These may have to be conducted virtually depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time.

Thank you again for signing up to receive these periodic updates regarding the ongoing efforts to decommission the SM-1A deactivated nuclear power plant at Fort Greely. We appreciate your continued feedback and support.

As always, feel free to e-mail any questions or concerns you may have me or our Corporate Communications team at CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil.