

SM-1A Project Update, September 9, 2020

Dear SM-1A Stakeholders,

Members of the SM-1A project team will be conducting outreach in Alaska this month, so we wanted to provide information on those efforts plus an overall update on the progress the team has been making with respect to the SM-1A Decommissioning Project.

Members of the project team, including team members from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District and Alaska District will be in Alaska later this month to continue project coordination and conduct work on site. Our team has been sure to comply with all applicable Department of Defense, Federal, and State guidance regarding travel to the State of Alaska and access to Fort Greely and the surrounding community of Delta Junction. All team members from the Lower 48 have taken a COVID test prior to their travel to the state, plus the team is following a COVID Mitigation Plan and all health and safety guidelines to allow for base access. Safety is always the project team's top priority, including the health of our personnel, the installation staff and community on Fort Greely and the surrounding Delta Junction community.

The team will be doing additional field work during this trip to gather additional radiological characterization data, perform soil sampling, and environmental sampling (asbestos, lead based paint, PCBs, etc). This data will be used by the team to with the Decommissioning Planning efforts.

The team is excited to be able to provide our annual community update in Delta Junction this Tuesday evening September 15th at 5pm local time at the Delta Junction City Council meeting. We normally provide our annual project update in April in conjunction with the annual Fort Greely Restoration Advisory Board meeting, but that meeting was postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. We appreciate the Delta City Council for allowing us to present at the upcoming City Council meeting; we look forward to continuing our local engagement.

The team will also be engaging with Tribal stakeholders on September 21st in Fairbanks (and virtually) to ensure this important stakeholder group is able to provide their valuable feedback and be a part of our process.

Both of these presentations will include details on the ongoing draft Environmental Assessment efforts that began earlier this summer, plus the team will be soliciting feedback and input to inform the team's ongoing planning efforts. As a reminder, even at this early stage, we welcome feedback from all stakeholders regarding the draft Environmental Assessment for 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 on the process to our Corporate Communication Office at CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil.

We will still also have a formal comment period for the draft EA once it is completed, which we anticipate will occur around March 2021. At that point, depending on the COVID-19 situation,

we plan to host in-person and/or virtual public meetings in multiple locations in Alaska to inform the public about the SM-1A project and take formal comments.

Additionally, the team has been making progress on the utility segregation design effort to separate the operational Central Heating and Power Plant from the historical former SM-1A portion of the building. Crews conducted geotechnical sampling and conducted environmental sampling at the site in late August. The utility segregation design will be complete by the end of November 2020.

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 to me or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil.