



Camp Minden Site Removal Action

Explo Systems, Inc.

Webster Parish, Louisiana

August 2015

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The safety of the public is our most important consideration. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strongly believes that public engagement better informs decisions — both for the EPA and for the community. The EPA remains committed to finding ways to increase the involvement of local officials and the community in the remedy as we move forward in addressing the cleanup actions at Camp Minden.

Current Actions

On August 13, 2015, The Louisiana Military Department (LMD) led an Environmental Workshop presenting details on the future Work Plan and Quality Assurance Sampling plan for the site. The LMD contractor, Explosive Service Intl., and its subcontractor El Dorado Engineering, gave a detailed description of the steps and timeline needed to complete the cleanup. Representatives from the EPA and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality were available to discuss and answer questions from the community on the workplan and sampling plan.

Citizens were advised that the destruction of the M6 and CBI will happen in 3 phases:

Phase 1- Mobilization and Site Preparation, will involve the startup tasks such as design and fabrication of equipment, training, facility construction, access roads preparation, and magazine assessment. This phase will end when the CBS system has been constructed and is ready for testing. Phase 1 will be complete by December 2015.

Phase 2: The first step of this phase is ramping up and testing of the system in January 2016. A major milestone is conducting the Comprehensive Performance Test (CPT) to document that the CBS unit will meet ARARs. That is a 30-day long test that is planned for February 2016. Removal and Destruction Operations will then be conducted. M6 and CBI will be removed from the magazines and destroyed in the Contained Burn System. Recyclable and reusable material will be properly profiled and disposed of or recycled accordingly. Phase 2 will be complete by November 2016.

Phase 3: Site Restoration and Demobilization, will begin after all the M6 and CBI has been destroyed. ESI will remove all equipment and material mobilized, installed and utilized in the project. They will restore the operational areas in accordance with the requirements of the Military Department and, submit a Closeout Project Report. Phase 3 will be complete by January 2017.

For more detailed information, EPA has provided the contractor's workplan and sampling plan on our website at <http://www2.epa.gov/la/camp-minden>.

EPA staff were present and provided more technical information to the Community Action Group (CAG), during the CAG meeting on August 10, 2015.

Future Actions

- EPA will host a Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant Groundwater work shop on September 17, 2015.

Past Actions

EPA has attended the monthly CAG meetings to ensure concerns from the community are addressed and to provide both technical information and coordination of general information on the path forward.

Site Timeline

- October 2012 - A bunker explodes at the Explo site at Camp Minden
- May 2013 - Explo secures all explosives under Louisiana State Police order
- August 2013 – Explo abandons materials at Camp Minden
- October 2013 – To protect the community, EPA begins negotiations with the potential responsible parties.

- April 2014 – Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) is signed with commercial PRPs
- October 2014 – AOC signed to address M6 and CBI.
- December 2014 – Camp Minden Website is live.
- December 2014 – Community Meeting.
- January 2015 – Minden Dialogue Committee formed
- February 2015 – 1st Alternatives Remedy Meeting for Minden Dialogue Committee
- March 2015 – 2nd Alternatives Remedy Meeting for Minden Dialogue Committee
- March 2015 – Minden Dialogue Process Facilitators' Report released
- April 2015 – Environmental Workshop #1, Air Monitoring
- April 2015 – Environmental Workshop #2, Response Preparedness.
- May 2015 – Begin collection of background environmental data
- May 2015 – Public Announcement of alternative remedy and contractor.
- May 2015 – Community Advisory Group Meeting
- May 2015 – LMD began the best and final negotiations with Contractor
- May 2015 – Public Meeting: Contained Burn System
- June 2015 – Contract Award

- June 2015 – Public Meeting
- July 2015 – Work Plan Submitted to EPA
- August 2015 – Environmental Workshop
#3 Work Plan and Sampling Plan.

For More Information...

If you would like more information about Camp Minden, visit our website at <http://www2.epa.gov/la/camp-minden>.

You can also review copies of information at:

Webster Parish Library, 521 East and West Street, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 371-3080

Doyline Branch Library, 333 Main Street, P.O. Box 8, Doyline, LA 71023, (318) 745-3800

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