



# Camp Minden Site Removal Action

Camp Minden - Explo Systems, Inc. Removal Action  
Webster Parish, Louisiana October 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 makes for better informed 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

Foundations for the Contained Burn System are being prepared at Camp Minden. The crews have been preparing the soil, framing the slabs, and pouring the concrete. Roads on the Camp are also being surveyed and widened to allow for the delivery of the contained burn chamber. The 100 feet long by 23 feet diameter chamber is expected to be delivered to the Camp after the first week in December. The construction of the chamber and the various components of the pollution abatement system are on schedule. The components will soon be delivered and staged for installation at the Camp. The control room, air monitoring trailers, and other support structures are also being assembled.

EPA's Region 6 Superfund Division Director Carl Edlund attended the Camp Minden Citizens Advisory Group's (CAG) monthly meeting on October 12, 2015. He answered the CAG's questions and concerns for future site activities.

### Future Actions

On Nov 19, 2015, EPA will hold Environmental Workshop #5, Data Results, at Camp Minden. The workshop will give a detailed presentation of the air and soil sampling results and air monitoring results from EPA's baseline assessment. The samples that were taken came from various locations on the Camp Minden Facility and at six locations in the surrounding community.

The workshop will also include a demonstration of EPA's Camp Minden interactive data website that shows a map of the eight locations. The viewer can zoom in and out, select a location on the map, and see a list of links to the data from that location (air monitoring data, air sampling data, and soil sampling data, which can each be downloaded).

Through a Technical Assistance Services to Communities (TASC) contract, EPA is working to provide independent technical expertise to the Community Action Group.

### Past Actions

On September 17, 2015, the EPA in cooperation with the LMD, and Army National Guard Headquarters held an Open House and Environmental Workshop #4 for the former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP).

At this workshop, citizens learned about historical activities at the site. Citizens were also informed on the current status of the site, which included past and present sampling, hydrogeology, and the extent of the contamination impact to the area.

The September 17<sup>th</sup> workshop focused about ground water at the LAAP Site and not about the future cleanup operations of the M6.

EPA continues to attend 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 potentially responsible parties (PRPs).
- 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternatives Remedy Meeting for Minden Dialogue Committee
- March 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Citizens 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
- September 2015 – Environmental Workshop #4, LAAP Groundwater Discussion.

### **For More Information...**

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