



Camp Minden Site Removal Action

**Camp Minden - Explo Systems, Inc. Removal Action
Webster Parish, Louisiana**

September 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

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

In the workshop, citizens learned about historical activities such as the discovery of the contamination, how it became an EPA National Priority List site, and Site cleanup. Citizens were also informed on the current status of the work at the former plant and site ground water elements including past and present sampling, hydrogeology, and the extent of the impact to the area. The workshop was about ground water at the LAAP Site/Camp Minden base and not about the future operation of the M6.

EPA staff provided technical information to the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG), during the CAG meeting on September 14, 2015.

Future Actions

In November 2015, a workshop is planned to be held to discuss data collection and analysis.

Past Actions

On August 13, 2015, the 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 destruction of the M6 and CBI. Representatives from the EPA and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality were available to discuss and answer questions from the community on the work plan and sampling plan.

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 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 – 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 – 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

For More Information...

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

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