

Public Notice

Army seeks public input on the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (AAP)

Groundwater Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

PURPOSE:

The Army, in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) invites the public to provide their comments on the Groundwater RI/FS for the former Badger AAP.

BACKGROUND:

Groundwater investigation activities at the former Badger AAP began in 1980. Site-wide groundwater investigations identified four groundwater plumes:

- Propellant Burning Ground (PBG) Plume,
- Central Plume,
- Deterrent Burning Ground (DBG) Plume, and
- Nitrocellulose Production Area (NC Area) Plume.

Groundwater is contaminated by chlorinated solvents and explosives. Soil remedial actions addressed the source areas to the maximum extent possible. The Army has received site closure from the WDNR on all soil related investigations and remedial actions. Two previous RI/FS have addressed groundwater but none resulted in a proposed plan or decision document, or moved to the remedial design stage of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

SUMMARY:

This RI/FS provides the results of the Army's investigation to determine the nature (types) and extent (vertical and horizontal boundaries) of contamination and the study of remedial alternatives to address the contamination that exceeds risk-based criteria for each individual plume. In the remedial investigation or RI, the Army characterizes the site and identifies the contaminants, explaining what has happened over time. In the feasibility study or FS, the Army presents the different remedial alternatives it has identified to address any unacceptable risk to human health. The Army evaluates these alternatives using EPA's nine criteria in accordance with CERCLA.

To review a copy of the RI/FS, please visit <https://aec.army.mil/index.php/baap> or the former Badger AAP information repositories, which are physically located at:

Sauk City Public Library
515 Water Street
Sauk City, Wisconsin 53583
608-643-8346

Ruth Culver Community Library
540 Water Street
Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin 53578
608-643-8318

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS FROM NOV. 13 TO JAN. 17, 2020

The Army invites public comment on the Groundwater RI/FS for the former Badger AAP. Before finalizing the RI/FS and publishing the Proposed Plan, the Army will consider all oral and written comments received during this public comment period. We ask that comment letters be postmarked by Jan. 17, 2020 to be considered. Please submit your comments to:

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In addition, the Army will hold a public meeting on December 5, as part of the Restoration Advisory Board meeting, to discuss and respond to questions about the Groundwater RI/FS. Please see <https://aec.army.mil/index.php/BAAP> for more information

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