

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT,
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, AND
RECORD OF DECISION SIGNED**

**PROPOSED PLAN ISSUED FOR MRS FR004, FORMER PRACTICE MORTAR RANGE, AT
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST**

The Department of the Air Force and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) invite public comment on the Proposed Plan for Munitions Response Site (MRS) FR004, Former Practice Mortar Range, located at Dix. The Proposed Plan addresses the potential risk for munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) at MRS FR004.

The Air Force evaluated four alternatives and is proposing a magnetometer (mag) assisted MEC clearance known as "mag and dig". The proposed action will address the potential hazards and ensure the MRS is safe, compatible with planned future land use, and protective of human health and the environment.

Copies of the Proposed Plan are available for review beginning Monday, 20 September 2021, at the Burlington County Library located at 5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, NJ; at the NJDEP Records Custodian, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ (call in advance of visiting, 609.341.3121); and, at the U.S. EPA Region 2 Record Center, 18th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, NY (call in advance of visiting, 212.637.4308). A copy of the Proposed Plan can also be viewed online on the Air Force's Administrative Record website, <http://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/> or at www.envirorestorejdbmdl.com (click on the Community Involvement tab).

Proposed Plan Public Meeting (Virtual)

The Air Force invites the public to attend a meeting on **Thursday, 30 September 2021, 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be virtual via MS Teams. Please contact Katrina Harris at kharris@bridgeconsultingcorp.com or 610.494.8044 for information on how to join the meeting by computer or phone.

Public Comments

Community input is integral to the remedial alternative selection process. The public is encouraged to review and provide written or verbal comments on the Proposed Plan during the 30-day comment period (20 September to 19 October 2021). Comments must be postmarked by 19 October 2021 and sent to Mr. James Richman, Remediation Program Manager, 787 CES/CEIE 2403 Vandenberg Avenue Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ 08641, emailed to james.richman.1@us.af.mil, or sent by fax to 609.754.2267. The final remedy will be selected after the public comment period has closed, and all comments have been taken into consideration.

RESTORATION ADVISORY MEETING – PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND (VIRTUAL)

The RAB meeting will immediately follow the public meeting, starting at approximately 6:45 p.m. and ending at approximately 8:00 p.m. The RAB meeting provides an update on JB MDL environmental restoration projects.

RECORD OF DECISION SIGNED FOR MCGUIRE OPERABLE UNIT 1

The Department of the Air Force and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst announce the signing of a Record of Decision for three sites at the McGuire Operable Unit 1 (two soil-capped landfills referred to as Sites LF003 and LF004 and a former Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Storage Facility referred to as Site ST007) to address contaminated soil and groundwater. The remedies selected for LF003 and LF004 are Optimized Soil Covers, Land Use Controls, and Long-Term Monitoring of Groundwater and Surface Water. The selected remedy for ST007 is Land Use Controls. The selected alternative will provide protection of human health and monitoring while causing less disturbance to the sites than clear cutting and installing full caps. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed the Record of Decision and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection concurred with the selected remedies. Copies of the Record of Decision are available at the Burlington County Library, NJDEP Records Custodian, and U.S. EPA Records Center (see addresses above). The document can also be viewed on the Air Force's Administrative Record website, <http://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/>.

Contact the JB MDL Public Affairs Office at (609) 754-2104 for more information.