

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**THE PROPOSED PLAN  
FOR M-33, INERT MINE TESTING AREA AT RANGE 5  
FORT BELVOIR NORTH AREA  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA  
IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 24, 2014, through November 24, 2014

**PROPOSED PLAN**

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir (U.S. Army) has issued a Proposed Plan that describes the preferred remedial alternative to address groundwater contamination at M-33, Inert Mine Testing Area at Range 5. Site M-33 is located on Fort Belvoir North Area (FBNA), Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Historically, FBNA was used for testing a wide range of engineering equipment and supplies. Site M-33 is located on the western portion of FBNA and historically was used as a training area for mine detection and detonation. A detailed description of the site history of M-33 is located in the Proposed Plan. Currently, this site is open space and the groundwater is not used for any purpose.

Based on the findings of environmental investigations at this site described in the Proposed Plan, the U.S. Army determined that a remedial action is necessary to protect public health or welfare from exposure to chemicals found in the groundwater. Land use controls and monitored natural attenuation (MNA) of the groundwater is Fort Belvoir's recommended remedial alternative for this site. The proposed alternative is consistent with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality have concurred with the MNA alternative.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the Proposed Plan, the preferred remedial alternative and the rationale behind its selection, and to solicit comments concerning the proposed cleanup activities.

**PARTICIPATION**

Written comments must be submitted no later than November 24, 2014, and should be directed to:

Department of the Army  
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir  
Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resource Division  
Attention: Felix Mariani  
9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 226  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil](mailto:imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil). In addition, the Army will hold a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County's South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia, 22039.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Copies of the Proposed Plan are available for review, along with more detailed information about this site, in the Administrative Record files at the following repository locations:

Kingstowne Library  
6500 Landsdowne Centre  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5011  
Telephone: 703-339-4610

Lorton Library  
9520 Richmond Highway  
Lorton, VA 22079-2124  
Telephone: 703-339-7385