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USACE requests public comment on Proposed Plan at the Former Camp Ellis

LOUISVILLE, KY. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for remedial actions at the Former Camp Ellis Military Reservation (CEMR), a Formerly Used Defense Site in Fulton County, Illinois.

The CEMR was used from 1943 to 1950 for various types of military training including small arms and munitions training. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently completed an investigation of the CEMR concerning potential military munitions/contamination and proposed alternatives for further action. Remedial actions proposed for the CEMR MRSs would remove surface and subsurface munitions and explosives of concern to depth of contamination to reduce explosive hazards. Remedial actions proposed for the PAOIs would remove soil with contaminant concentrations exceeding remediation goals, and mitigate the threat of release of hazardous substances from sediment. Remediation goals will be protective of human health and the environment.

The preferred alternatives are presented in the Proposed Plan. Copies of the Proposed Plan are available for public review in the information repository at Western Illinois University Library – Special Collections Department, 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois, (309) 298-2717. The hours of operation at the Western Illinois University Library are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. An additional information repository has been established at the Easley Museum, 210 W. Broadway, Ipava, Illinois, (309) 254-3207. The hours of operation at the Easley Museum are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers encourages you to comment on the Proposed Plan during the 30-day Public Comment Period, April 13 through May 16, 2016. Written comments may be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than May 16, 2016, to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Attn: CELRL-PM-M-E (Valerie Doss), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202. Public comments received during this period will be considered in the final decision-making process for CEMR.

A public meeting will be held at the Easley Museum located at 210 W. Broadway, Ipava, Illinois. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7:00 pm for the public to ask questions and submit comments and concerns in person regarding the recommended cleanup plan. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Public Affairs Office at (502) 315-6773.

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