

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Comment Period and Presentations for Two Air Force Sites at Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC)

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) at JBCC is issuing two documents for public comment and will be giving presentations on these documents at a virtual meeting on March 24, 2021. The two documents are the Proposed Plan for the Mock Village Munitions Response Site, (March 2021), and the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Landfill-7 (LF-7) Radar Tube Burial Site, (March 2021). The Mock Village Proposed Plan presents the Air Force's proposal (Alternative 2) to implement land use controls (LUCs) at the site which is a non-operational 1.9 acre site located in the northeast area of JBCC. The site was used to simulate a mock German village and was used as an urban training complex from 1943 - early 1950s with structures removed prior to 1966. Based on investigations, there is no evidence of munitions use at the site, and there is a low probability of munitions being present. LUCs involve the installation of warning signs, annual inspections, on-call unexploded ordnance (UXO) support if any potential hazard is identified in the future, coordination with owner/tenant and public education/training, and review of Dig Safe submissions in that area. The site will be included in future five-year reviews of the cleanup program. These LUCs would provide notification to persons accessing the property where potential explosive dangers may be present. The Air Force believes that its proposed Alternative 2 is protective of human health and the environment and complies with all CERCLA requirements.

Also issued for public comment is the LF-7 EE/CA that documents the analysis of a non-time critical removal action of concrete encased radar tubes at the LF-7 site. The tubes potentially contain low level radiological contaminants. The fenced area at the site contains an approximate 10x10x5 foot concrete monolith that is located two to three feet below ground surface and contains an estimated 3,000 discarded electron (radar) tubes that are solidified in the concrete and were believed to have been discarded sometime between 1955 and 1970. Yearly radioactivity testing at the ground surface and in groundwater at the site has not shown any detections over background levels. AFCEC recommends Alternative 3, Excavation, Removal, and Disposal for the LF-7 site. AFCEC believes the alternative will provide the most protection of human health and the environment as potential exposure of radiological contaminants would be completely eliminated through the removal and proper disposal of the concrete monolith, allowing for attainment of unlimited use/unrestricted exposure (UU/UE) and ultimately final site closure.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DATES

AFCEC will hold a 30-day public comment period on BOTH the Draft Proposed Plan for the Mock Village and the LF-7 EE/CA from March 12 – April 10, 2021. The Proposed Plan summarizes the information that can be found in greater detail in the Mock Village Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Report dated January 2021. You can view the RI/FS at AFCEC's online administrative record <https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/>. Under "Installation" select "Joint Base Cape Cod." In the "AR#" box type in 605208 and hit return or "search". When the document link appears below under "View" click on the magnifying glass symbol.

WHERE TO ACCESS THE SITE DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT A COMMENT

The Mock Village Draft Proposed Plan and related RI/FS, along with the LF-7 EE/CA will be available for review on AFCEC's webpage located at: <https://www.massnationalguard.org/JBCC/afcec.html>. Information on navigating AFCEC's webpage and administrative record can be found at the following link: <https://www.massnationalguard.org/JBCC/afcec-documents/how-to-updated.pdf>. The documents will be provided to the main libraries in Falmouth, Mashpee, Bourne and Sandwich. To request a copy of the Proposed Plan, EE/CA or other documents electronically please send your request to douglas.karson@us.af.mil. Written comments on the Draft Proposed Plan for the Mock Village and the LF-7 EE/CA should be sent to Douglas Karson, AFCEC/JBCC, 322 East Inner Road, Otis ANGB, MA 02542-1320; or by email to douglas.karson@us.af.mil and should be postmarked or sent by April 10, 2021. All public comments received during the comment period and during the meeting/hearing will be considered and addressed by the Air Force and regulatory agencies prior to a final decision and documented in their respective final documents.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND HEARING ON MARCH 24, 2021

AFCEC and Impact Area Groundwater Study Program (IAGWSP) will host an **online public meeting** with the JBCC Cleanup Team (JBCCCT) on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 6 p.m. A presentation on the Mock Village Proposed Plan and LF-7 EE/CA will be given along with updates on: Military Munitions Response Program; Fuel Spill-29 site closure and plans for closure of Chemical Spill (CS) 20, CS-23, and Fuel Spill-1; revisions of the AFCEC Plume Book and Community Involvement Plan; and Central Impact Area UXO removal work. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection team members will be attending the online meeting. Join by accessing the Microsoft Teams link:

<http://bit.ly/JBCCPublic>

You may need to download the Microsoft Teams App. Please sign in as a guest. To ask a question select the "raise your hand" icon and wait to be acknowledged. Attendees are urged to log in 10-15 minutes early. You can also attend the meeting by calling (443) 342-4948 and entering the Conference ID: 676 126 952 #. You can view the presentations (to be posted by March 24), and more program information at the following links:

<https://www.massnationalguard.org/JBCC/afcec.html>

<http://jbcc-iagwsp.org/community/impact/presentations/>

For questions about the meeting or team membership contact: Doug Karson, AFCEC, 508-968-4678, ext. 2, douglas.karson@us.af.mil; or Lori Boghdan, IAGWSP, 508-509-2869, lori.p.boghdan2.nfg@mail.mil.