

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Air Force

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Mountain Home, ID

Notice of Availability of Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Non-Time-Critical Interim Removal Action at the 1940s Skeet Range (MRS S876a), 1970s Skeet Range (MRS TS877a), and Former EOD Proficiency Range (MRS ED879)

The U.S. Air Force (AF), with concurrence from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, has issued an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) to evaluate and select response action alternatives for a non-time-critical interim remedial action (IRA) at three munitions response sites (MRSs) at Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) Idaho. These MRSs are being considered for an IRA because of the imminent and substantial risk to human health and the environment at the three sites. Under the current conditions, the MRSs do not meet the criteria for no further action with unrestricted use.

The EE/CA has been prepared in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan. The purpose of the EE/CA is to describe the objectives of the IRAs, describe and evaluate available alternatives for cleanup of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) in soil, and identify the recommended IRA for each site. The recommended IRA alternatives in the EE/CA include: (1) excavation of PAH-contaminated soil at MRS TS876a and MRS TS877a and disposal of the excavated soil at an appropriate offsite facility, and (2) excavation of subsurface anomalies within MRS ED879, disposal of MEC as necessary, and recycling of material documented as safe at an offsite scrap recycler facility. The completed excavations will be backfilled with clean borrow soil and the site will be restored, providing for unrestricted future use of the site. The recommended IRA alternatives may be adjusted to meet any unforeseen site conditions and to address public input as appropriate. The final IRA alternatives will be detailed in a Non-Time-Critical IRA Work Plan that will describe the material and methods necessary to remove PAH-contaminated soil and MEC and to restore the site to unrestricted future use.

The EE/CA is available for public review and comment at the following website address:

<http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-140204-246.pdf>

The public comment period for this EE/CA is open from February 12, 2014, through February March 13, 2014. The EE/CA is also available in hard copy format in the Administrative Record. The public may also contact the Mountain Home AFB Public Affairs Office or Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) Manager, as listed below, to obtain additional information, including locations where the document will be available in hard copy.

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