PUBLIC NOTICE

Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD)

Madison County, Kentucky

Hazardous Waste Permit Modification

Tentative Approval

EPA ID #KY8-213-820-105, AI #2805

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (Cabinet), Division of Waste Management (Division), has tentatively approved a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) modification to the existing hazardous waste permit for Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD).

The modification to BGAD’s permit is to add a new section on Open Burning (OB) and Open Detonation (OD) activities. The activities are collectively referred to as “OB/OD.”

The U.S. Army is the owner of the entire permitted facility, including the additional activities proposed in this public notice. BGAD is located at 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, Kentucky. The BGAD facility contact is Joe Elliott, (859) 779-6268.

**Why do BGAD’s Open Burning and Open Detonation activities need a permit from the Division?**

BGAD uses the OB thermal treatment process to treat bulk military propellant and propellant charges. Open burning is conducted in large metal pans that are permanently mounted on concrete pads.

BGAD uses OD to treat munitions and explosives with the potential to detonate. OD operations occur in pits that have been dug into the soil. Before munitions are detonated, they are covered with soil to reduce noise and dispersal of shrapnel and debris. In rare cases, small amounts of explosive material are detonated without soil cover.

BGAD has conducted OB/OD activities for many years under “interim status” requirements; the draft permit will impose specific conditions for future OB/OD operations. Kentucky environmental regulations require BGAD to have a hazardous waste management permit to treat hazardous wastes during OB/OD operations.

**Where can I review the documents used to make this tentative approval?**

***Madison Co. Public Library, Richmond,*** 507 West Main Street, Richmond, KY 40475, (859) 623-6704

***Eastern Kentucky University, John G. Crabbe Library*,**457 University Dr., Room 306 in Government Documents Section, Richmond, KY 40475, 859-622-2068

***Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office,*** 1000 Commercial Drive, Suite 2, Richmond, KY 40475, (859) 626-8944

***Berea College, Hutchins Library,*** 100 Campus Drive, Berea, KY 40404, (859) 985-3364

***Madison Co. Public Library, Berea,*** 319 E. Chestnut, Berea, KY 40403, (859) 986-7112

***Estill County Public Library,*** 246 Main Street, Irvine, KY 40336 (606) 723-3030

***Division of Waste Management,*** 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601, Contact: April Webb, (502) 782-6470, or email april.webb@ky.gov.

**How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative approval?**

Public involvement is encouraged and comments are welcome. Anyone wishing to comment on the tentative decision to approve these permitting actions should submit comments on or before August 22, 2018, the close of the public comment period. Additionally, a public meeting will be conducted on August 8, 2018, at 6:00 pm in the Perkins Building, Kit Carson Drive, at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, followed by a public hearing at 7:00 pm at the same location.

Comments or requests for further information on the Permit Modification should be mailed to April Webb, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, 300 Sower Boulevard, Second Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, with all issues of concern clearly stated. Electronic comments should be submitted to april.webb@ky.gov, (502) 782-6470.

**What will the Division do with the comments they receive?**

The Cabinet will consider all comments, received by the close of the public comment period on August 22, 2018, in making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a “response to public comments” document specifying any changes made or not made (with reasons why) as a result of the comment(s) submitted.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the issuance of a permit for this proposed waste disposal facility may file with the cabinet a petition which sets forth the grounds of the objection and demand a hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2)

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