

U.S. ARMY INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR A RECORD OF  
DECISION AMENDMENT AT GRACES QUARTERS  
STUDY AREA, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

PROPOSED PLAN

The Proposed Plan for the Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment for Graces Quarters Operable Unit (OU) A: Groundwater Primary Test Area, located in the Graces Quarters Study Area within the Edgewood Area of the United States Army Garrison APG, Maryland, is available for review at:  
<https://bit.ly/3BEmfH8>.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

APG invites the public to attend:  
**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, 30 October 2024, 7:00 PM  
E-mail Sarah Barr [sbarr@ecc.net](mailto:sbarr@ecc.net) for information on how to participate via computer/ phone.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The 30-day public comment period on the proposed action extends from 16 October to 15 November 2024. Written comments, postmarked by 15 November **2024**, should be sent to:  
  
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Environmental Restoration Branch  
Building E6881  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010  
Or  
Ms. Andrea Barbieri, Regional Project Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3  
1600 John F Kennedy Boulevard (3HS11)  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2852  
Or  
Mr. Patrick Deery  
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PROPOSED ACTION

APG has prepared this Proposed Plan for ROD Amendment for Graces Quarters OU A: Groundwater Primary Test Area. The Graces Quarters OU A: Groundwater Primary Test Area comprises USEPA OU 21. The Proposed Plan identifies the Preferred Alternative for the amended remedy.

Graces Quarters groundwater consists of two interconnected aquifers, the Surficial Aquifer and the Middle Aquifer, which are both impacted by chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The preferred alternative for the amended remedy for both aquifers is Chemical/Biological Injections with Institutional Controls.

Remedial actions for this site had previously occurred under a 2004 ROD. The remedy selected in the 2004 ROD has been amended because the existing monitored natural attenuation (MNA) and enhanced degradation remedies are not functioning as intended and will not meet performance standards for contaminant reductions or the specified durations.

Under the new, amended remedy alternative, potential risk exposure to groundwater would continue to be managed with Institutional Controls. The injections are proposed to establish a decreasing trend in the contaminants to meet the groundwater remedial action objectives.