

FINAL
Fort George G. Meade
Base Realignment and Closure Property Remedy
Notification of Five-Year Review

This Public Notice is to inform the community of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' intent to conduct the 2023 Five-Year Review (5YR) for the High Explosive Impact (HEI) Area, which is a Fort George G. Meade (FMMD) 1998 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) property. The HEI Area is co-located with the Patuxent Research Refuge – North Tract (PRR-NT), administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the 5YR is to determine if the remedy implemented when the Record of Decision was signed remains protective of human health and the environment.

Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC): Historical use of the HEI Area as a live-fire impact and training area has resulted in the potential for MEC to be present throughout the PRR-NT.

Selected Remedy: Per the 2018 ROD, the selected remedy was to implement Land Use Controls (LUCs) with surface and subsurface clearance to specified depths in selected areas (i.e., 24 Selected Clearance Areas). Multiple MEC response actions, including a non-time critical removal action consisting of clearance activities within the 24 Selected Clearance Areas, were completed prior to finalization of the 2018 ROD. These prior MEC clearance activities met the surface and subsurface clearance requirements in the ROD (Army 2018). As documented in the HEI Area LUC Implementation Plan, LUCs will be maintained until the site can be released for unlimited use, unrestricted exposure, meeting the statutory requirements (EA 2019). These controls include prohibition of residential development or development of child-related facilities (e.g., schools, playgrounds, etc.), restrictions on excavation or other disturbance of surface or subsurface soils without Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) support and written approval, prohibition on access to areas that have not been subject to MEC removal actions and place signage announcing prohibition to these areas (e.g., lakes, streams, dense brush, etc.), conduct annual visual inspections and instrument-assisted visual MEC sweeps every 5 years of the 24 Selected clearance areas, and UXO safety education program for refuge users and personnel (Army 2018).

The scheduled date of completion of the Final 5YRs is anticipated to be 30 September 2023 and the Final Report will be made available to the public at the local information repositories listed below upon completion. The public is invited to examine the previous 5YRs available at the same local information repositories:

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4216 Roberts Avenue (Building 4216)
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Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday–Friday

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2624 Annapolis Road
Severn, MD 21144
Phone: 410-222-6280
Reference and other help by phone/email:
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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