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4 Pages faxed including Cover Sheet to (912)236-8909.

Lillie Lang, Legal Notices
Savannah Morning News
111 West Bay Street
Savannah, GA 31401

RE: Public Notice; Fort Stewart; EPA ID No. GA9 210 020 872.

Dear Ms. Lang:

The Hazardous Waste Management Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) requests that the *Savannah Morning News* publish the attached Public Notice in the Legal Notice Section of your newspaper on Sunday, September 24, 2000. Fort Stewart should be billed for the advertisement. Please send the invoice and tear sheet to the following address.

Gregory V. Stanley, Colonel, U.S. Army
Director, Public Works
Headquarters, 3D Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart
Directorate of Public Works, Building 1137
Environmental Branch (ATTN: Melanie Little)
1550 Frank Cochran Drive
Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927

In addition, a copy of the invoice and tear sheet should also be mailed to GA EPD at the following address.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Hazardous Waste Management Branch
ATTN: Brent Rabon, Environmental Engineer
205 Butler Street, SE
Suite 1154, Floyd Towers East
Atlanta, GA 30334

Ms. Lillie Lang
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Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Brent Rabon of my staff at (404)656-2833.

Sincerely,

Jim Ussery, Program Manager
Hazardous Waste Management Branch

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY PERMIT AND PERMIT APPLICATION

The Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-60, *et seq.*, as amended, announces its intent to modify the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit [numbered HW-045(S&T)] reissued to Fort Stewart located in Fort Stewart, Georgia and the facility's Permit Application dated June 13, 1997, as amended.

The proposed Permit modifications are limited to approval of seven No Further Action decisions; approval of two Corrective Action Plans; correction of typographical errors contained in Permit Conditions III.B.6, III.C.8 (i.e., the text should reference Section F of the Permit Application rather than Section E), and IV.F.1.a (i.e., the text should reference Condition IV.F rather than IV.E); allowing the facility to submit two copies of all reports and work plans required by Section IV of the Permit unless otherwise notified by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (See Permit Condition IV.G.2) rather than four copies as currently required; and modifying monitoring requirements for the Open Detonation and Open Burns Units in Conditions III.D.3 and III.D.4 to delete subsurface soils sampling and allow for annual reporting, respectively.

The proposed Permit Application modifications are limited to incorporation of a revised Appendix D-8 (Detection Monitoring Plan for the Open Burn and Open Detonation Units); a revised Section I (Closure Plan, Post-Closure Plan and Financial Requirements); and replacement pages which primarily address the assumption of Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) duties by Fort Stewart Department of Public Works Environmental Office personnel. The Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number for Fort Stewart is GA9 210 020 872.

Fort Stewart generates and stores large quantities of hazardous wastes from its various maintenance activities, and the facility also treats hazardous waste munitions by open burning and open detonation. On August 14, 1997, the GA EPD reissued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-045(S&T) to Fort Stewart. This Permit expires ten (10) years from its issuance date. Under its corrective action program required by Section IV of the Permit, Fort Stewart has submitted a Solid Waste Management Unit Assessment Report and four RCRA Facility Investigation Reports in order to support final decisions for No Further Action or approval of a Correction Action Plan for the following solid waste management units at the facility: the Post South Central Landfill, Burn Pits A through F, the Former 724th Tanker Purging Station and the Waste Pile located adjacent to the Officer's Club. Note that Corrective Action Plans have been developed for the Post South Central Landfill and the Former 724th Tanker Purging Station. GA EPD proposes that No Further Action is warranted at the Burn Pits A through F and the Waste Pile located adjacent to the Officer's Club.

GA EPD has prepared a Draft Permit for the facility based upon these supporting documents and two Corrective Action Plans. The Draft Permit, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11, will continue to authorize Fort Stewart to store and treat hazardous wastes provided the Conditions of the Permit are met and to require Fort Stewart to investigate and remediate (if necessary) hazardous constituent contamination at the Base. Appendix A of the Draft Permit contains the following corrective action requirements: Corrective Action Plans are approved for the Post South Central Landfill and the Former 724th Tanker Purging Station and No Further Action is required at this time for the Burn Pits A through F and the Waste Pile located adjacent to the Officer's Club.

Before making a final decision to modify the Permit and the Permit Application, Section 391-3-11-.01 (40 CFR §124.10) of the Rules requires GA EPD to provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, the public comment period extends from September 24, 2000 to November 8, 2000. During the public comment period, a copy of the Draft Permit, the Permit Application and supporting documents will be available for public review at:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division	Liberty County Public Library
	236 Memorial Drive
Hazardous Waste Management Branch	Hinesville, Georgia 31313
Floyd Tower East, Suite 1154	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
205 Butler Street, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30334	Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Sunday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(404)656-2833	(912)368-4003

GA EPD invites comments to be made in writing during the public comment period. If requested in writing, a public hearing will also be held in or near Hinesville, Georgia. The public will be given a thirty day notice of any requested hearing.

All comments received in the Hazardous Waste Management Branch office by the close of business on November 8, 2000 will be considered when the final decisions to modify the Permit and Permit Application are made. The applicant and persons who submit written comments will be notified of the final decision by the Director of GA EPD. GA EPD will announce any substantial changes in the final outcome by public notice. All written comments should be addressed to:

Jim Ussery, Program Manager

Hazardous Waste Management Branch

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

205 Butler Street, S.E., Suite 1154

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For additional information, please contact Brent Rabon of GA EPD at (404)656-2833.