

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY PERMIT
AND APPROVE SEVEN CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND TWENTY-EIGHT
NO FURTHER ACTION DECISIONS**

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 Liberty County near Hinesville, Georgia. The Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number for Fort Stewart is GA9 210 020 872.

The proposed Permit modification is limited to approval of seven Corrective Action Plans for nine solid waste management units and approval of twenty-eight No Further Action decisions; deletion of Section I.H (Compliance Schedule) from the Permit given that the facility has met the Conditions regarding installation of a new fence and gate around the boundary of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Area which contains the permitted Miscellaneous Units; and insertion of additional text in Permit Condition I.C.1 [i.e., "Sampling protocol shall follow the guidance as set forth in the most recent edition of the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV Environmental Investigations Standard Operating Procedures and Quality Assurance Manual (EISOPQAM)"].

Fort Stewart generates and stores large quantities of hazardous wastes from its various maintenance activities, and the facility also treats hazardous waste military 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. Under its corrective action program required by Section IV of the Permit, Fort Stewart has submitted investigation and corrective action (where applicable) plans and reports to GA EPD for thirty-seven solid waste management units at the facility.

GA EPD has prepared a Draft Permit for the facility based upon these documents. 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 also contains the following new corrective action requirements: Corrective Action Plans are approved for nine solid waste management units and No Further Action is required at this time for twenty-eight solid waste management units.

Before making a final decision to modify the Permit, 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 July 18, 2004 to August 31, 2004. During the public comment period, a copy of the Draft Permit and supporting documents will be available for public review at:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Hazardous Waste Management Branch
Floyd Tower East, Suite 1154
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(404)656-2833

Liberty County Public Library
236 Memorial Drive
Hinesville, Georgia 31313
Monday - Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday; 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(912)368-4003

The 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 August 31, 2004 will be considered when the final decision to modify the Permit is 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:

Mr. Jim Ussery, Program Manager
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