

CAMP NAVAJO

Open Burn/Open Detonation Area Closure Project

SAG Meeting – Public Welcome

Thursday, June 11, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Camp Navajo Security Building.

The public is invited to a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting to learn about recent progress and upcoming work in the ongoing environmental clean-up efforts at Camp Navajo. Additionally, Don Bills, a hydrologist with the US Geological Survey, will discuss ongoing groundwater studies in the Williams-Flagstaff area.

All SAG meetings provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the OB/OD Area environmental clean-up activities. To be notified of additional SAG meetings, fill out and return the mail-in form included in this newsletter.

Progress Updates on Environmental Restoration Projects

Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Area Closure Program

The OB/OD Area at Camp Navajo was used for demilitarization of obsolete and unserviceable conventional ammunition, explosives, and limited chemical warfare agents from the installation's inception in 1942 until disposal operations ceased in 1994. Since then, the National Guard Bureau (NGB), in coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Arizona Army National Guard (AZARNG), has used the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, & Liability Act (CERCLA) to investigate, remediate and close out all OB/OD Area sites. The process is nearing its end; ultimately the NGB will leave Camp Navajo, and the remaining environmental management responsibilities will revert back to AZARNG.

Munitions & Explosives of Concern (MEC) Surface Removal Project

The MEC characterization is complete, and final reports were distributed in June and July 2008. MEC surface removal fieldwork (MRWA 02, MRS A2 and MRS B) and soil stockpile management work (NAADs 02/09B and 09C) is underway. Some improved conventional munitions were found inside the boundary and, due to sensitive fuzing systems, had to be treated carefully during mechanical excavation and segregation using soil sieving equipment. This action required a waiver, which was approved by the Army in September 2008.



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NAAD 02 & 09C Removal Actions

NAAD 02 is a 200-acre site that was historically used for demilitarization of munitions by open detonation and burning, and NAAD 09C is a 2.1-acre site that was used for burning and consolidation of burned materials. Site clean-up activities have been continuing since 2004, and the contaminated soil removal action is complete. Once analytical results show remaining soils are acceptable, they will be screened for MEC and transferred to designated Open Detonation pits to eliminate the accumulation of surface water. The NAAD 02 and 09C sites will be restored to natural conditions after the underlying soil is sampled and analyzed.

Additional Activities

Additional activities included the installation of 20 shallow wells to monitor groundwater in the vadose zone (the area lying between the earth's surface and the water table). Nearly 2,500 informational flyers were sent to hunters to ensure their awareness of the presence of unexploded ordnance on Camp Navajo. Numerous decision documents, which provide a summary of the status and basis for site closure, will be issued for public comment in upcoming months. Watch for announcements in the *Arizona Daily Sun* and *Williams-Grand Canyon News*.



Thank You Major Saunders

Major Saunders' tour of duty at Camp Navajo will end in July 2009. Since the OB/OD Area closure process is nearing completion, the position will not be replaced. However, Major Saunders or another NGB program manager will continue to monitor the overall project from NGB headquarters.

Let us hear from you

You Can Stay Informed and Involved in Several Ways

Camp Navajo's primary public affairs requirements, as stipulated by both CERCLA and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, are to solicit public participation when determinations are made about risk to human health and the environment and when decisions are proposed as to how best to protect human health and the environment. The meetings, web sites and other tools listed below are designed to keep neighbors informed and involved in the project.

Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings – The Stakeholder Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from various federal, state and local agencies and from the community. The SAG meets tri-annually to discuss the status of the cleanup activities. Between meetings, they review and comment on work plans, procedures and reports. All SAG meetings are open to the public. Represented stakeholders include:

AZ Department of Environmental Quality
AZ Game & Fish Department
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Coconino National Forest
City of Flagstaff

Camp Navajo
National Guard Bureau
AZ Department of Emergency
and Military Affairs
Community Members

Information Repositories – Final Work Plans and Reports are stored and available for public review at three locations:

- * The Official Administrative Record is located at Camp Navajo, 928-773-3316.
- * The Public Information Repository is located at the Northern Arizona University Cline Library, Special Collections Section, 928-523-5551.
- * The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality keeps copies of records at its Phoenix office, 602-771-4380.

Web Sites – Project records and information, including SAG presentations and meeting notes, are also available online:

- * www.CampNavajoEnvironmental.org
- * www.azdeq.gov/enviro/waste/sps/statesites.html#cmpnava

Contact Us – For more information about ongoing environmental clean-up activities at Camp Navajo or to be included in meeting or other event notifications, mail us the form below.

Stay Informed!

Please add me to your mailing list. Clip this form and mail it to:

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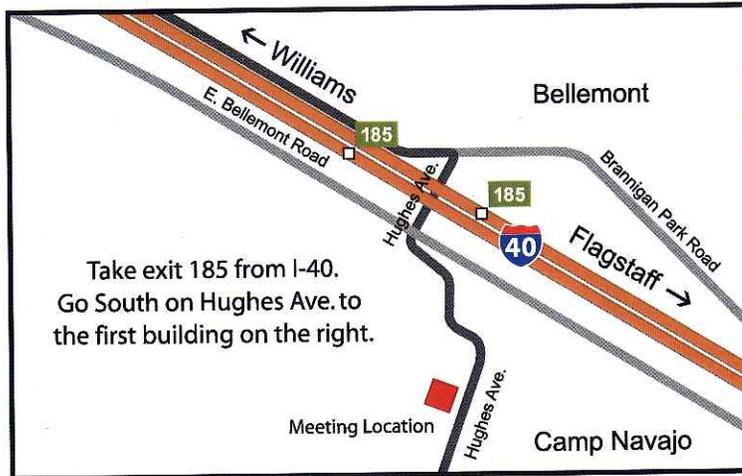
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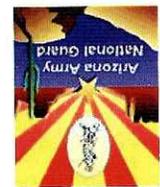


You are invited to the next Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting - Thursday, June 11, 2009

More details inside.



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