



Availability of Proposed Plan for Fort Totten Coast Guard Station, Queens, New York

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) invites the public to comment on the *Proposed Plan* for remedial activities at the Fort Totten Coast Guard Station (also known as the Engineer School/Fort Totten), which is being addressed as part of the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program. A portion of the site, identified as Area 1, contains lead in soil above background concentrations.

USACE has evaluated the following options for addressing the lead in soil in Area 1:

- Alternative 1 - No Action
- Alternative 2 - Land Use Controls
- Alternative 3 - Soil Cover Cap with Land Use Controls
- Alternative 4 - Removal, Off-site Disposal, and Backfill

USACE proposes *Alternative 4 - Removal, Off-site Disposal, and Backfill* as the preferred remedial alternative. This alternative includes a pre-design investigation to determine the extent of soil with lead concentrations above background levels, excavation of soil, collection and analysis of confirmatory soil samples, disposal of excavated soil at a permitted disposal facility, and site restoration. The USACE has determined that the preferred alternative is protective of human health and the environment, by removing Area 1 soils above background concentrations of lead.

Risk assessments completed by USACE identified no unacceptable risks at site Areas 2, 3, 4 & 5, therefore, USACE proposes no further action for those areas. However, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has indicated their intention to emplace an Environmental Notice, as a State-issued institutional control, due to several sampling locations that exceed NYSDEC soil clean up objectives.

Remedial activities at the site have been conducted under the FUDS program. USACE has coordinated this plan with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, who has indicated that the proposed remedy is acceptable for the current use of the facility as an active Coast Guard Station.

Public Meeting

The USACE will host a public meeting at 7pm on June 30, 2015 to present the information provided in the *Proposed Plan*. The meeting will be held at the Bay Terrace Jewish Center, 13-00 209th Street, Bayside, New York. The Public will have an opportunity to provide comments in writing or verbally at the public meeting.

Public Comment Period

The USACE invites the public to review and comment on the *Proposed Plan* during the public comment period held from June 18, 2015 through July 24, 2015. Although Alternative 4 is the Preferred Alternative at the present time, comments are welcome on all of the alternatives listed above.

Copies of the *Proposed Plan*, along with other site documents, are available on the project web site: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/FortTotten>, and at the Bay Terrace Library, 18-36 Bell Blvd., Bayside, New York, 11360. Public Comments will be accepted in writing and must be postmarked no later than July 24, 2015. Oral comments will also be accepted at the public meeting. Please send all written comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Attn: Mr. Gregory J Goepfert, Project Manager, CENAN-PP-E, Room 1811, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278.