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SUBJECT: The Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EECA) report for the Discarded Military Munitions (DMM) at the public beaches of Surf City and Ship Bottom, Long Beach Island, Ocean County, New Jersey.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations on the subject report from the State, County and Local governments, other stakeholders, and the public concerning the identification and analysis of the proposed future course-of-action alternatives and a recommendation for the selected alternative. The 30 Day public comment period will commence on **April 14th 2008** and end on **May 14th 2008**. All comments must be received as of the closing date.

This EECA is prepared in accordance with the response program identified in the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is committed to following the NCP through performance of additional Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) response actions, as warranted, ultimately resulting in issuance of a Decision Document (DD) that provides for close-out of the site. The CERCLA, Department of Defense, and U.S. Army policies require the involvement of the local community. As part of the public involvement the USACE will issue this EECA for public review and comment. This Notice serves as formal notification of the availability of this document for review, and the commencement of the 30-day public comment period.

BACKGROUND: As the first phase of the Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet Coastal Storm Damage Reduction project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) completed oceanfront beach replenishment in Surf City and Ship Bottom, New Jersey. The sand placement portion of the project was completed in February 2007. Sand dredged from an offshore borrow area in the Atlantic Ocean was pumped onto the public beach of Surf City and the northern five blocks of the Ship Bottom beach.

In early March 2007 five point detonating fuzes were recovered from the beach in Surf City. These discarded military munitions (DMM) were discovered by local residents using metal detectors, prompting the beaches to be closed in the interest of public safety through coordination between USACE, NJDEP, and the Boroughs of Surf City and Ship Bottom. All access points were barricaded with construction fencing, and "beach closed" signs were posted. A private security firm was contracted to assist in enforcing the beach closure around-the-clock.

A Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) was immediately implemented to reduce the explosive hazard presented to individuals due to the presence of DMM on the Public Beaches in Surf City and Ship Bottom. The action covered approximately 1.5 miles of the beach including the dunes, berm, surf zone and public crossover areas. The objective of the TCRA (Phase I) was to safely locate, identify, and dispose of DMM items to instrument detection depth on the oceanfront beach before Memorial Day, 2007. Munitions removal operations began in March 2007 and were completed by May 18, 2007. The beach reopened for public use on May 23, 2007. Subsequent to the TCRA (Phase I), a Public Information Plan with Land Use Controls (Phase II) was approved by the stakeholders, implemented and are currently in place to ensure public safety. The EECA serves to outline the final phase of the action (Phase III). It is anticipated any proposed future course-of-action alternative may be implemented sometime after the start of Fiscal Year 2009, which begins October 1, 2008.

REPORT: The EECA Report can be obtained online at the following link:
<http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/LBI/index.htm>

- Or can be reviewed by visiting the locations detailed below.

Email or mail your comments to:

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Administrative Record File for the: Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet Storm Damage Reduction Project; Military Munitions Response for the Public Beaches, Surf City and Ship Bottom, New Jersey.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District has established the following Administrative Record File (ARF) locations for the subject Military Munitions Response. The purpose of the ARF is to hold all information the Corps used to select a cleanup action for the site.

Under section 113(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA), 42 USC 9601 et. seq., the Corps is required to establish an ARF for every remedial removal response action and to make a copy of the ARF available at or near project sites.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has set up duplicate ARFs at the following locations:

Long Beach Island Branch
Ocean County Library
217 South Central Avenue
Surf City, NJ 08008
Phone: 609-494-2480

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District
100 E Penn Sq
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Contact for an appointment:
Public Affairs Office
Phone: (215) 656-6515

The public is invited to visit the Library or the Corps' Philadelphia District office to review the contents of the ARF. In Addition, you can visit the Corps Philadelphia District website to obtain the information at:
<http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/LBI/index.htm>