

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FIVE-YEAR REVIEW
FORMER FORT DEVENS SUPERFUND SITE – SUDBURY TRAINING ANNEX
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

The U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC) is announcing the start of the fifth Five-Year Review (FYR) of remedial cleanup actions taken at the former Fort Devens Sudbury Training Annex Superfund Site, located in the towns of Hudson, Stow, Maynard, and Sudbury, Massachusetts. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to evaluate whether the cleanup methods put in place at the site are working as designed and continue to remain protective of human health and the environment, as required by Superfund law. The FYR will also contain a brief summary on the status of the ongoing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation at the former Fort Devens Sudbury Training Annex. It is anticipated that this Five-Year Review will be completed in September 2021. The Army invites the local community to take part in the review process by participating in a community interview. The purpose of community interviews is to determine the appropriate level of community involvement at the site and to ensure that the public is properly informed on site status and activities.

BACKGROUND: Camp Devens was established in 1917 as a temporary training area for soldiers during World War I. In 1932, the site was named Fort Devens and made a permanent installation with the primary mission of commanding, training, and providing logistical support for non-divisional troop units. The land in the former Fort Devens Sudbury Training Annex was purchased by the U.S. Army in 1942 and was used as a training location for troops and a storage area for ammunitions. The Annex remained active until its placement on the BRAC list in 1995. Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Sudbury annex was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 1990 because of environmental contamination associated with historic underground storage tanks, ammunition demolition areas, fire training areas, and disposal of various laboratory waste. Since its placement on the NPL, remedial activities were completed at contaminated sites, and long-term remedial activities undertaken where necessary to ensure protectiveness. The Annex was deleted from the NPL in 2002. Continuing activities include operation, maintenance, and monitoring at a landfill site (Area of Concern A7) and evaluation of land use controls. In 2005, ownership of most of the site transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services as the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. As required under regulations, a review must be conducted every five years to ensure human health and the environment is protected. More detailed information on this site can be found on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web page at:
<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csinfo.cfm?id=0100685>.

To request an interview, or to submit comments and question regarding the Five-Year Review process or site clean-up, please contact:

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