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PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District, is posting this public notice to inform the community that an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for a Non Time-Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) is available for public review and comment. The EE/CA, dated February 2025, documents USACE's evaluation of alternatives for undertaking a NTCRA of lead contaminated soil and sediment at the USACE-owned Parcel J at the Kaukauna Locks and Dam Complex, located on a plot of land just north of the Fox Shore Apartments on Bicentennial Ct, Kaukauna, WI, 54130. Lead contamination on Parcel J resulted from the area south of the parcel being historically used as a rail service/maintenance yard. Additionally, there is evidence of the property being used as a fill area from 1964-1971.

What is a NTCRA?

NTCRA's are conducted when it is determined, based on the site evaluation, that a removal action is appropriate and necessary to protect human health and the environment from releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants; and a planning period of at least six months is available before on-site activities must begin. The NTCRA will be conducted by the USACE in accordance with requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

Description of the Proposed NTCRA

The USACE proposed the following NTCRA in the EE/CA to mitigate threats posed by the presence of a CERCLA hazardous substance (lead) in soil and sediment on Parcel J at Kaukauna Locks and Dam Complex:

- Develop and implement a site-specific work plan.
- Excavate approximately 1,600 cubic yards of soil and sediment with lead concentrations that exceed the cleanup goal of 200 mg/kg.
- Dispose of excavated soils and sediment at a permitted, off-site disposal facility.
- Perform confirmatory sampling to verify cleanup.
- Backfill and restore the excavated soil area; and
- Prepare a summary report of the removal actions.

Once the EE/CA is publicly reviewed and the Final Action Memorandum is approved, it is estimated that the removal action will take two (2) months to complete. The recommended removal action is protective of human health and the environment and

satisfies federal and state requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to this NTCRA. The USACE anticipates that, after implementation of the proposed removal action, there will be no further action required to ensure the protection of current and future users of Parcel J at the Kaukauna Lock and Dam Complex from the CERCLA hazardous substance (lead) on site.

The NTCRA Process

The process for the NTCRA cleanup is to:

- Prepare an EE/CA to document the recommended removal action.
- Inform the community of the NTCRA (at minimum, immediately affected citizens, state, and local officials);
- Provide a public comment period of not less than thirty days from the time the Administrative Record file is available for public inspection pursuant to the NCP [40 CFR 300.820(a)(2)]; and
- Prepare a written response to significant public comments submitted during the public comment period and include these responses in the Administrative Record file.
- Prepare a Final Action Memorandum to document the removal action decision based on the EE/CA after the end of the public commenting period. Any documents generated or received after the decision document is signed will be added to the Administrative Record pursuant to the NCP [40 CFR 300.820(a)(4)].

Information Repository

The Administrative Record file for Parcel J at the Kaukauna Lock and Dam Complex, which includes the EE/CA and other project-related documents supporting the proposed NTCRA decision, can be viewed by interested community members at the following locations during normal business hours:

Kaukauna Public Library
207 Thilmany Rd #200
Kaukauna, WI 54130
(920-766-6340)

The Administrative Record file can also be accessed online at the following website:
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/News/Project-Documents-Notices-Public-Review/Display/Article/4117164/notice-of-availability-for-draft-of-kaukauna-parcel-j-eeca/>

How do I participate?

This notice provides the public with an opportunity to offer comments on the Action Memorandum, which documents the USACE decision to undertake a NTCRA of lead contaminated soil and sediment at Parcel J at Kaukauna Lock and Dam Complex. Public comments regarding the proposed action should be submitted within thirty (30)

days from the date of this notice to Anna Coval, Environmental Engineer at USACE, Chicago District. Submit those comments to the following email:

Anna.L.Coval@usace.army.mil

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