## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

On behalf of the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC), Cherokee Nation Environmental Solutions (CNES), along with Conti Federal Services (CFS), has been contracted to provide an updated Community Involvement Plan (CIP). The Army requests public engagement in the Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) development of the CIP as required by the environmental restoration program.

Communication has evolved. We would like to know how to get information to members of the community, so that the public has an active voice in the environmental actions associated with the installation. We would like to interview people like you to identify your concerns, preferred communication methods, and desired involvement levels in the Army Cleanup Process at HWAD. Your answers to the interview questions will be incorporated anonymously into the CIP.

Your opinion matters. Please reach out to this contact to express interest and gain more information: Carla Avery at (848) 327-4448 or <a href="mailto:cavery@contifederal.com">cavery@contifederal.com</a>. We can complete interviews via phone, email, or through online communication such as MS Teams through October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

HWAD occupies 147,236 acres of land in Mineral County, Nevada, and is 135 miles southeast of Reno, Nevada. HWAD encompasses three sides of the town of Hawthorne and is bounded by the Wassuk Mountain Range on the west, the Gillis Range on the east, and the Excelsior Mountains on the south. Walker Lake bounds the installation to the north. HWAD was re-designated with a revised mission to ship, store, and demilitarize missions under the jurisdiction of the Army Joint Munitions Command. The installation also performs field training, ordnance testing, and live fire ranges and is expected to remain an active Army facility with the potential for industrial and military training use. Environmental concerns are identified as areas such as chemicals of concern that impact the soil and groundwater.