

FORT MONMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Army's Base Realignment and Closure Office (U.S. Army) has prepared a Proposed Plan for Fort Monmouth Site 68 (FTMM-68), located at Fort Monmouth (FTMM) in Oceanport, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The U.S. Army is the lead agency for FTMM in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Executive Order 12580. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is the state support agency under the National Contingency Plan for FTMM.

FTMM-68 was the site of a former dry-cleaning facility (former Building 565) built in 1965 that used tetrachloroethylene (PCE), which is a chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOC) as the cleaning solvent. Soil and groundwater impacts were identified following the removal of the underground storage tank (UST) that contained the solvent. Soil removal actions occurred during 2011 and 2019, but investigations following the removals indicated that VOC impacts to soil and groundwater at FTMM-68 remain.

The Proposed Plan describes the nine remedial alternatives considered to address the soil and groundwater impacts at FTMM-68. The Proposed Plan describes the preferred alternative (Alternative 9), which consists of excavation of source-area contaminated soils, installation of multiple zero valent iron (ZVI) permeable reactive barriers (PRBs) downgradient of the source area combined with monitored natural attenuation (MNA) to treat groundwater, and long-term monitoring (LTM) to observe and document declining CVOC concentrations. In addition, the preferred alternative will implement land use controls (LUCs) to prevent/restrict exposure to contaminated soil and groundwater until the remedial action objectives are achieved.

The Proposed Plan and Administrative Record, which includes documentation used for selecting the preferred alternative for this site, are available for review online at <https://fortmonmouthrecords.com/site-records/>. The Proposed Plan can also be viewed at the Fort Monmouth Environmental Restoration Public Information Repository (the Administrative Record) at the following location: Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch, 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, Phone: (732) 683-8980.

The U.S. Army invites public comment on the Proposed Plan. Written comments will be accepted during a 30-day comment period starting February 1, 2023 and ending March 3, 2023. All comments must be postmarked by March 3, 2023 and mailed to the address below (or emailed by March 3, 2023 to Christopher.t.gallo@usace.army.mil):

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A virtual public meeting will be held by the U.S. Army to review the proposed plan and accept public comments. The public meeting will be held on February 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM EST. The

meeting will be a Webex meeting. To attend the meeting, please use the following link: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=m73b582b19ef4d69c422e1fc6c870eb4b>. If you cannot connect to the meeting using the Webex link, the audio portion of the meeting can be accessed by dialing the following toll-free number: 1-844-800-2712. Enter the meeting number and pound sign when prompted: 2763 828 3009#.