

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Army National Guard Invites Your Comments on the Proposed Plan for the Roswell North Range Munitions Response Site, Chaves County, New Mexico

As part of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), the United States (U.S.) Army National Guard G9 invites the public to review and comment on the proposed restoration plan for the Roswell North Range Munitions Response Site (MRS) located approximately 10 miles east and 4 miles north of the center of Roswell, New Mexico. The Army is the lead agency responsible for environmental investigations and cleanup activities of this site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is a supporting agency in the decision-making process.

The alternative selected in the Proposed Plan for the Roswell North Range MRS (NM545-001-R-01) is implementation of a removal action to address the risks associated with potential munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and munitions constituents (MC) hazards at the MRS. This plan was developed based on site investigations that indicated MEC and MC associated with historical military training activities are potentially present (MEC) and known (MC) at the site. The possible presence of MEC poses a potential explosive hazard and MC (lead) identified in surface and subsurface soils at the MRS poses a threat to human health and the environment. As a result, these real and perceived threats to human health and the environment require additional action. The NMED, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Land Management concur with the proposed plan of MEC surface clearance, MC removal action, and land use controls for the site.

We invite your questions and comments on the Proposed Plan during the public comment period from 21 March 2021 – 23 April 2021. The Roswell North Range MRS Proposed Plan is available to the public at the following location: Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, (575) 622-7101. A copy can also be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service or an electronic version can be emailed to you.

Written comments for the Roswell North Range MRS Proposed Plan should be postmarked or e-mailed no later than 23 April 2021 and sent to:

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General questions concerning the site or to request a copy of the Proposed Plan should be directed to LTC Wu at (703) 607-2177 or at the addresses above. This announcement, the Proposed Plan, and a Fact Sheet are also available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/gwqb/public-notice/#Announcements>. Please see the associated Fact Sheet for a brief summary of the Proposed Plan. Consulte la hoja de datos asociada con el plan de el resumen propuesto a <https://www.env.nm.gov/gwqb/public-notice/#Announcements>.

A virtual public meeting regarding the Proposed Plan has been scheduled for 6 pm Mountain Standard Time, 14 April 2021. The meeting will include a presentation, a time for questions and answers about the project, and an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the Proposed Plan. If you would like to attend and participate in the public meeting for the Roswell North Range MRS, the event will be held virtually using the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/884559741>. You may also dial in using your phone (Toll Free): 1-866-899-4679, Access Code: 884-559-741.

For further information regarding U.S. Army MMRP efforts, visit <https://aec.army.mil/index.php/restore/MMRP>. For information regarding the DoD's MMRP prioritization process, visit www.denix.osd.mil/mmrp/home/.