

PB 0516 West Outer Road, Camp Edwards, MA 02542

Neighborhood Notice

J-1 Southern Plume - Treatment System Construction - Update

Dear Neighbor:

As part of our effort to keep local residents advised of activities that might affect their neighborhood, this notice is sent to update you on the construction in your neighborhood.

The Army National Guard's Impact Area Groundwater Study Program (IAGWSP), in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), is installing an additional groundwater extraction well to expedite the cleanup of the RDX contaminated groundwater that lies beneath your neighborhood. All of the homes in the area are on town water and the contamination is in groundwater approximately 160 feet below the ground surface, therefore, there is no risk of exposure to contaminated groundwater.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during construction activities. We appreciate the support of the community in this very important project. To date, the pipeline is almost complete and the extraction well construction is underway. In order to ensure that the treatment system will perform as predicted, two additional groundwater monitoring wells are planned (DP-543 and DP-550 on the attached figure). These wells are being installed at locations where previous temporary groundwater wells were located in 2010. The following provides information on the schedule for the installation of the two new monitoring wells:

What: Installation of two permanent groundwater monitoring wells (See attached figure)

Where: On Pleasantwood Drive and Songbird Circle

Dates: From approximately October 12 through October 26.

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Impact on Neighborhood During Installation: The drill rig and equipment will be visible from homes on Pleasantwood Drive and Songbird Circle. There will be noise from machinery during construction.

Permanent Impact on Neighborhood: None. Well caps in the road will be flush-mounted. Any areas disturbed during drilling operations will be restored.

The Groundwater Study Program has discussed this project with representatives from the Town of Sandwich to gain approval for the fieldwork. Safety measures will be put in place to ensure that there is as little impact to residents in the area as possible.

For further information please log on to **http://mmr-iagwsp.org** Other points of contact for Impact Area Groundwater Study Program activities at the Massachusetts Military Reservation are: Lori Boghdan, Groundwater Study Program, (508) 968-5635; Jeanethe Falvey, EPA New England Region 1, (617) 918-1020; or Ellie Donovan, MassDEP, (508) 946-2866.

Again, we thank you for your patience and cooperation during construction activities.

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