

Notice of Availability

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact Environmental Assessment New River Water Intake Structure and Pump House at Holston Army Ammunition Plant, Tennessee

The United States Army is publishing this notice to announce the availability of the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to construct a new river water intake structure and pump house in Area B at Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP). The purpose of the proposed action is to construct a new intake structure and associated pump house to meet Rule 316(b) requirements while providing adequate capacity for water intake at full RDX/HMX production capacity. The proposed action is needed because the existing intake structure does not meet Rule 316(b) requirements, cannot accommodate projected river water demands, and cannot be upgraded to meet regulatory requirements while production is occurring. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, a No Action Alternative is also addressed. The proposed action has the potential to impact wetlands and floodplains and is subject to the requirements and objectives of Executive Orders (EOs) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 11988 (Floodplain Management). This notice complies with Section 2(a)(4) of EO 11988 and Section 2(b) of EO 11990. The Army requests public comment to determine if there are any public concerns regarding the project's potential impacts on wetlands and floodplains. The draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FNPA) is also available for review.

The Draft FNSI, Draft EA, and Draft FNPA are available for review for 30 days with all comments due on or before April 14, 2023. The documents are available for review by accessing the official home page of the Joint Munitions Command (Holston Army Ammunition Plant) at <https://www.jmc.army.mil/Installations.aspx?id=HolstonProgress>. The documents are also available by accessing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice website: <https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/>. A hard copy may be requested by contacting Kathy Cole, HSAAP Staff Action Specialist at 423-578-6285 or kathy.o.cole.civ@army.mil or via letter at Attn: Kathy Cole, 4509 West Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660. Comments should be submitted by standard mail to HSAAP, c/o Holston Army Environmental Department, Attn: Kathy Cole, 4509 West Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660. Comments can also be submitted electronically via the email address provided above. All parties must submit their comments on or before April 14, 2023.