Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Base Realignment and Closure Savanna Army Depot Activity CEQ Unique Identifier: EISX-007-21-000-1729699335

The Department of the Army (Army) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the proposed disposal and reuse of an approximately 132-acre land parcel at the Savanna Army Depot Activity (SVADA), Illinois (the Proposed Action). The U.S. Department of Defense 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission made recommendations for realignment and closure actions for military installations in conformance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510, as amended). The recommendations included closure of SVADA, located in northwestern Illinois along the Mississippi River in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties. The Army officially closed SVADA in 2000. Following closure, the Army proposed disposal of SVADA's 13,061 acres because the property was excess to the Army's needs. The Army would dispose of the parcel, known as Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Parcel 20, by transferring it to the Jo-Carroll Depot LRA or other appropriate recipients for their reuse. The EIS will analyze the potential direct effects of the Army conveying LRA Parcel 20 and the potential indirect effects of reuse of the parcel.

Public Comment

The Department of Army invites interested local, state, and federally elected officials and agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and the public to review scoping materials online at https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-

ArticleCS/Programs/Article/3901394/, and submit comments by email to SVADAEIS@tetratech.com, or by U.S. mail to SVADA EIS c/o Tetra Tech, 107 St. Francis Street, Suite 2370, Mobile, AL 36602. Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process; however, to ensure the Army has sufficient time to consider public input during preparation of the Draft EIS, please submit comments by February 15, 2025. You are also invited to participate in a public scoping meeting where oral and written comments on the proposed action will be received Thursday, January 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the West Carroll High School, 500 Cragmoor Street, Savanna, IL 61074.