

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMPLETION OF FIVE-YEAR REVIEW
FORMER FORT DEVENS SUPERFUND SITE
DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS

The U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC) announces completion of the fifth Five-Year Review (FYR) of remedial actions taken at the former Fort Devens Federal Superfund Site, Devens, Mass. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to evaluate whether the cleanup methods put in place at the site are working as designed and continue to remain protective of human health and the environment as required by the Superfund law. The fifth FYR report was prepared following US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and was completed and signed by the Army on Sep. 28, 2020.

Pursuant to CERCLA, Devens was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) on Dec. 21, 1989 because of environmental contamination at several locations. The contamination at the former Fort Devens site is associated with historic underground storage tanks/fuel depots and contaminated soils containing petroleum products and chemicals. The principal threats to human health and the environment are primarily groundwater, soil, and sediment contamination, and unexploded ordnance. Since its placement on the NPL, long term monitoring and remediation activities have taken place at the contaminated sites, which have proved to be successful.

This FYR addresses the following 11 operable units (OUs) where site-related contaminants remain at levels above those that would allow for Unlimited Use/Unrestricted Exposure (UU/UE):

- OU1 Shepley's Hill Landfill Areas of Contamination (AOCs) 4, 5 and 18
- OU2 Devens Consolidated Landfill (DCL) and Contributor Sites [(AOC 9, AOC 40, and Study Area (SA) 13]
- OU3 South Post Impact Area (AOCs 25, 26, 27 and 41)
- OU4 Barnum Road Maintenance Yards (AOCs 44 & 52)
- OU5 Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Yard (AOCs 32 & 43A)
- OU6 Former Gas Stations (AOCs 43G & 43J)
- OU7 Former Elementary School (AOC 69W)
- OU8 Former Moore Army Airfield (AOC 50)
- OU09 Former Building 3713 Fuel Spill AOC 57
- OU11 Former Railroad Roundhouse (SA 71)
- OU12 & OU13 Former Grant, Oak, and Maple Housing Areas and 37-mm Impact Area

The FYR included a review of environmental data collected since the last FYR was completed in 2015, site inspections and interviews with key personnel knowledgeable of site conditions, and remedy implementation. The FYR concluded that all remedies are protective of human health and the environment as the remedial action objectives (RAOs) stated in the Record of Decisions (RODs) are being met. Although the FYR did not identify any issues affecting protectiveness of the remedies, EPA and Army have identified several additional steps (described in the FYR) at some of the OUs that will help in future evaluations of remedy performance and will be included in future FYRs.

The fifth FYR Report is available to the public at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/Former-Fort-Devens-Environmental-Cleanup/> or by contacting the BRAC office at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Devens, 30 Quebec Street, Unit 100 , Devens, Mass 01434-4479. Point of contact is Mr. Robert J. Simeone; Office: 978-615-6090; email: robert.j.simeone.civ@mail.mil. The next FYR will be submitted in September 2025 and will cover the review period of 2021 through 2025.