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## INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS NOW FINAL FOR CLEANUP OF FORT DEVENS AND FORT DEVENS SUDBURY TRAINING ANNEX

BOSTON - After a 30 day comment period, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have finalized the Interagency Agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of each agency during the investigation and cleanup of hazardous waste sites at Fort Devens and the Fort Devens Sudbury Training Annex.

EPA and the Army must now conform with the terms of the agreements. Some of these terms include specific procedures for conducting site studies and cleanups, procedures for resolving disputes between the agencies, and schedules for work to be performed. One section of the agreement states that the Army will not be relieved of its responsibilities in the event of base closure.

The Army is currently conducting investigations into the nature and extent of contamination at both sites. Fifty-eight known and suspected sites have been identified and Fort Devens, while the Sudbury Training Annex contains approximately 68 such sites. Comprehensive investigations will continue at both facilities for the next several years with cleanup actions scheduled to begin at some sites in the mid 1990's.

Copies of the Interagency Agreements are available at the libraries in the four towns surrounding Fort Devens and the four towns surrounding the Sudbury Training Annex. For more information on the agreements or the cleanup of the bases please contact one of the names listed above.

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