

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REMEDY AND
PROPOSED HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT MODIFICATIONS
FOR THE BANNISTER FEDERAL COMPLEX**

Public meeting and hearing are May 17, 2017, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7, issued a Statement of Basis in support of a proposed remedy at the Bannister Federal Complex. The department is also proposing hazardous waste permit modifications for the Bannister Federal Complex, which incorporate the proposed remedy. The department invites the public to review and offer written comments on the proposed remedy and hazardous waste permit modifications until June 19, 2017.

The department is holding a public meeting and public hearing about the proposed remedy and permit modifications on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the Center High School Cafeteria, located at 8715 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Mo. The public meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for the public to ask questions, share information and discuss issues with the current federal complex owners, a proposed private redeveloper, the department and EPA.

The public hearing will follow the public meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. At the hearing, the public can have their comments about the proposed remedy and permit modifications entered into the official record. Questions will not be answered at the hearing, but will be responded to in writing, along with any written comments submitted during the public comment period. Written comments and oral public hearing testimony are treated with equal consideration. Individuals requiring special services or accommodations in order to attend the meeting or hearing can make arrangements by contacting Heidi Rice at least 72 hours before the meetings at 573-526-8964 or 800-361-4827 or by e-mail at heidi.rice@dnr.mo.gov. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may reach Rice through Relay Missouri at 800-735-2966.

The Bannister Federal Complex is located on about 307 acres at 1500-2000 E. Bannister Road, Kansas City, Mo. The complex is a federal government-owned, contractor-operated military installation, currently owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and General Services Administration (GSA). The parts of the federal complex owned by DOE/NNSA were used by several contractors to manufacture aircraft engines for the U. S. Navy and electrical, mechanical, plastic and other non-nuclear components of nuclear weapons. The portions of the property owned by GSA were used as office and warehouse space. DOE/NNSA and GSA are currently conducting post-closure care, corrective action investigations and remediation on their respective portions of the federal complex under a department-issued Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Facility Part I Permit and EPA-issued Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Part II Permit.

In 2013 and 2014, DOE/NNSA and GSA moved their operations from the federal complex to new locations. DOE/NNSA and GSA selected a private developer as a preferred partner to redevelop the area of the federal complex west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks and two acres

off-site of the main property, totaling approximately 225 acres. DOE will be available at the May 17 public meeting to provide information about the proposed transfer of a portion of the federal complex to a private developer before facility cleanup is complete.

In preparation for transferring the federal complex property west of the railroad tracks to a private developer, the department is proposing modifications to the Part I Permit to implement the proposed remedy and recognize completion of several previous activities. The permit modifications propose to require the private developer to continue post-closure care and corrective action activities on the portion of the federal complex anticipated to be transferred. If the private developer acquires the property, the current approved remedy will change and additional cleanup actions will be taken to ensure further protection of human health and the environment. The department reviewed the private developer's Corrective Measures Report and related documents and believes the proposed remedy will result in substantial additional cleanup of the contaminated areas, given the anticipated redevelopment uses. The department, in coordination with EPA, prepared a Statement of Basis that summarizes the proposed remedy and the underlying basis of support. If the proposed permit modifications are approved, the modifications will only be implemented if the property is transferred to the private developer. The property transfer would occur later, through an additional permit modification for change of ownership.

The proposed Part I Permit modifications, Statement of Basis and links to additional supporting documents are available on the department's website at dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/permits/notices.htm. The public can review and copy the proposed Part I Permit modifications, Statement of Basis and supporting documents at the following locations:

Mid-Continent Public Library*
Blue Ridge Branch
9253 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Kansas City, Mo
Phone: 816-761-3382
*During normal business hours.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources*
1730 E. Elm St. (lower level)
Jefferson City, Mo
Phone: 573-751-3043
*File reviews must be made through a sunshine request. Please visit dnr.mo.gov/sunshinerequests.htm.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7*
Information Resource Center
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, Ks
Phone: 913-551-7241
*Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (not including federal holidays)

Comments on the proposed remedy and permit modifications are more effective if they point out legal or technical issues or provide information that is not in the record. Only the permit conditions proposed for modification are open for public comment. All other conditions of the original permit will remain in effect until the permit is reissued or further modified. Please send written comments on the proposed remedy and Part I Permit modifications to Jalal El-Jayyousi, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Hazardous Waste Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or by e-mail at jalal.el-jayyousi@dnr.mo.gov.

For more information on the proposed remedy or Part I Permit modifications, or to obtain a written copy of the Statement of Basis or proposed permit modifications for review, please contact El-Jayyousi by telephone at 573-751-3553 or 800-361-4827. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may reach El-Jayyousi through Relay Missouri at 800-735-2966.