



# Camp Minden Site Removal Action

Explo Systems, Inc.

Webster Parish, Louisiana

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The safety of the public is our most important consideration. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strongly believes that public engagement better informs decisions — both for the EPA and for the community. The EPA remains committed to finding ways to increase the involvement of local officials and the community in the remedy as we move forward in addressing the cleanup actions at Camp Minden.

### Current Actions

The Louisiana Military Department (LMD) led a Community Meeting on June 30, 2015. The LMD contractor, Explosive Service Intl., and its subcontractor El Dorado Engineering, presented details of Contained Burn System (CBS). Representatives from the EPA, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), and LMD were available to discuss and answer questions from the community on removal actions. EPA has provided the technical information on our website <http://www2.epa.gov/la/camp-minden>.

Citizens were offered the opportunity to ask questions regarding the planned disposal steps and were provided a complete walk through of how the materials were to be processed and how the pollution controls

will work. They were also provided an overview of scheduled monitoring and testing milestones as the process proceeds.

The CBS should take at least five months to construct. According to the vendor, it will provide a maximum destruction of approximately 60,000 lbs. per day. The operation will be conducted on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to achieve the daily disposal rate required.

EPA provided was present and provided more technical information to the Community Action Group (CAG), during the CAG meeting on July 13, 2015.

### Future Actions

- EPA will host a workshop to describe the work plan after a revised draft is submitted by LMD.
- EPA will also host a Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant Groundwater work shop.

### Past Actions

EPA has attended the monthly CAG meetings to ensure concerns from the community are addressed and to provide both technical information and coordination

of general information on the path forward.

#### **Site Timeline**

- October 2012 - A bunker explodes at the Explo site at Camp Minden
- May 2013 - Explo secures all explosives under Louisiana State Police order
- August 2013 – Explo abandons materials at Camp Minden
- October 2013 – To protect the community, EPA begins negotiations with the potential responsible parties (PRPs)
- April 2014 – Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) is signed with commercial PRPs
- October 2014 – AOC signed to address M6 and CBI.
- December 2014 – Camp Minden Website is live.
- December 2014 – Community Meeting.
- January 2015 – Minden Dialogue Committee formed
- February 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternatives Remedy Meeting for Minden Dialogue Committee
- March 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternatives Remedy Meeting for Minden Dialogue Committee
- March 2015 – Minden Dialogue Process Facilitators’ Report released
- April 2015 – Environmental Workshop #1, Air Monitoring
- April 2015 – Environmental Workshop #2, Response Preparedness.
- May 2015 – Begin collection of background environmental data
- May 2015 – Public Announcement of alternative remedy and contractor.

- May 2015 – Community Advisory Group Meeting
- May 2015 – LMD began the best and final negotiations with Contractor
- May 2015 – Public Meeting
- June 2015 – Contract Award
- June 2015 – Public Meeting
- July 2015 – Work Plan Submitted to EPA

#### **For More Information...**

If you would like more information about Camp Minden, visit our website at [www.epa.gov/region6](http://www.epa.gov/region6).

You can also review copies of information at:

Webster Parish Library, 521 East and West Street, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 371-3080

Doyline Branch Library, 333 Main Street, P.O. Box 8, Doyline, LA 71023, (318) 745-3800

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Citizens can call 800.887.6063 during normal business hours (9 am – 4 pm weekdays) and by email at our dedicated mailbox [r6\\_camp\\_minden@epa.gov](mailto:r6_camp_minden@epa.gov). All inquiries from the news media should be directed to the EPA Region 6 Press Office at 214.665.2200 or by email at [R6press@epa.gov](mailto:R6press@epa.gov).

