

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ENERGETICS-CONTAMINATED BUILDINGS FOR THE U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND BUILDING DEMOLITION PROGRAM

1. PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action and subject of this Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA), which is hereby incorporated by reference, is the removal of unused and unneeded energetics (explosive)-contaminated facilities from the real property inventories of AMC installations. Implementing the Proposed Action would reduce fixed facility costs (i.e., utilities), save energy, reduce risks from structural deterioration, and make otherwise idle areas of an installation available for productive reuse.

2. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: During the preparation of this SPEA, no reasonable alternatives to the Proposed Action were identified. The only alternative to the Proposed Action was to renovate the facilities for reuse rather than demolish them, but that alternative was found to be unreasonable and unsafe and was dismissed from further consideration. Both the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative are evaluated in the SPEA. The SPEA characterizes the likely environmental impacts—including impacts on human health—that could result from implementing the Proposed Action or the No Action Alternative.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND MITIGATION MEASURES: It is unlikely that significant adverse environmental impacts would result from implementing the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action includes adherence to existing applicable health, safety, and environmental regulations. Each facility to be demolished would be analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act before being demolished. Implementing standard best management practices during the demolition of individual facilities would mitigate risk to people and ensure environmental protection.

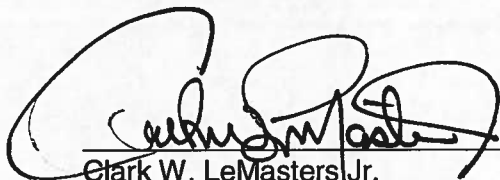
4. FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: The SPEA discusses the nature of the Proposed Action and the likely environmental effects on all relevant resource areas associated with its implementation.

5. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The SPEA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) were available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the documents was published in the local newspaper serving each of the 21 installations covered by this SPEA. The documents were made available at each installation as well as electronically at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/environmental.html>. Copies of the documents also were available for review at local libraries in the town closest to each of the 21 installations covered by this SPEA. Interested parties were invited to submit comments on the SPEA and Draft FNSI by mail to Headquarters Army Materiel Command, Environmental Division (AMCOL-IE), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898, or by electronic mail at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/environmental.html>. All comments had to be submitted not later than 30 days after publication of the NOA. No public comments were submitted during the public review and comment period.

6. CONCLUSIONS: Based upon my review of the facts and the analysis presented in the SPEA, and the absence of any public comments submitted, I conclude that implementing the Proposed Action would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment; and that, consequently, the analysis in the SPEA supports

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a FNSI. Preparation of an EIS is not required. Not implementing the Proposed Action would eliminate the negligible-to-minor environmental effects associated with its implementation but would increase energy use and maintenance costs and make idle land unavailable for future use on AMC installations.



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