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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host public meetings for former SM-1A nuclear power plant

FORT GREELY, ALASKA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, will host a series of in-person and virtual public meetings to update and share information on the SM-1A Deactivated Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning and Dismantlement project at Fort Greely, Alaska. Baltimore District staff overseeing the project will review the project's progress, including completed milestones, near- and long-term future activities, and discussions on impacts this work will have at the site with respect to health and safety, engineering, and waste operations.

Meeting info is as follows:

- **November 4,** 6-8 p.m. local time at Delta Junction Community Center, 2287 Deborah St, Delta Junction, AK 99731
    - Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/Po48aSohRNw?feature=share
- **November 5,** 6-8 p.m. local time at Aurora Community Activity Center, CAC Multipurpose Room B, 2020 Robin Road Bldg. 500, Fort Greely, AK 99731
    - Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/w7ZXz6nq-bU?feature=share

Public meetings consist of a presentation from project leadership and an open Q&A opportunity. All meetings are virtually accessible. Virtual meeting information will also be published on the SM-1A website.

Designed as a first-of-its-kind power plant, SM-1A was part of the mid-century Army Nuclear Power Program and built to test the likelihood of deploying a nuclear power source in arctic conditions while providing power and heat for the utility systems of Fort Greely. In doing so, it allowed for the study of the economics behind such a power source, a significant departure from the typical oil-fired systems engaged in the remote areas of the region. Now, after sitting in safe storage since shutdown in 1972, the final decommissioning and dismantlement efforts began in 2024, following the completed contract award at an estimated value of $95.5 million to APTIM-Amentum Alaska Decommissioning, LLC. The project is expected to conclude in 2029.

Baltimore District teams are part of the Radiological Health Physics Regional Center of Expertise (RCX), based at Baltimore District. RCX provides radiation safety and technical support to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies at home and abroad for projects involving all aspects of radiological work, with a focus on health and safety.

Credentialed members of the media who are interested in attending the public meetings must RSVP to the Baltimore District Public Affairs Office at nab-pao@usace.army.mil by October 28.

For additional information on SM-1A, including stakeholder updates and project history, visit the project's webpage at https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/SM-1A.

Additional Information

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