

Responses to Comments on
Community Involvement Plan
Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, Karnack, Texas

23-July 2013

Reviewer: George Rice, TAG
Respondent: Army

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1			In addition to making documents available at the Marshall public library and the LHAAP groundwater treatment plant, the Army should make all public documents available on a searchable website.	C	Though not required, the Army has been working toward providing a publicly accessible website without password protection. Longhorn is in the process of selecting the proper contract vehicle. In the meantime, the Army has provided each RAB member with an electronic copy of the Administrative Record, which is searchable, to access all public documents. Additionally, the Army has created a website portal for the RAB which will make available all pertinent documents for sites that are in a public review/comment phase of CERCLA. It is also noted that the Administrative Record is available in electronic format at the Marshall Public Library for any members of the public interested in viewing any of the documents.	
2			The Army has established a number of objectives for the Community Involvement Plan (CIP). ¹ However, the Army has not established a way to measure the effectiveness of the CIP. The Army should develop a set of criteria that will be used to determine whether the CIP has met its objectives.	C	As is specified in the Objectives section of the CIP, the objectives will be addressed by implementing the community involvement actions described in the Community Involvement Activities section. The criteria, therefore, is the implementation of the Community Involvement Activities. However, to employ a more direct measurement of effectiveness, the Army will request feedback biennially through written surveys distributed at public meetings to determine the effectiveness of the community involvement activities.	
3			Remedial Design (RD) documents are produced after the Army selects a cleanup plan and documents its selection in a Record of Decision. The RD documents establish cleanup performance objectives ² and contain the technical details that describe how the cleanup will be performed. However,	E/D	The Army holds regular RAB meetings to which the public is invited. These meetings are announced to the public by email and notices published in the Marshall News Messenger. If the public desires additional information regarding any cleanup-related documents,	

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			the public is not permitted to submit formal comments on the RD documents. Given the importance of the documents, the Army should give the public the opportunity to review them and submit formal comments.		they are able to ask questions at the RAB meetings. The Army will continue to provide documents at RAB meetings and respond to any questions or concerns they may have regarding any part of the cleanup process. These questions and responses are recorded in the meeting minutes and become part of the administrative record.	
4			The document states " <i>Karnack has 2,276 residents with an average population density of 20 persons per square mile.</i> " ³ This may be incorrect. The Army should check these figures.	C	The Army acknowledges that the Census numbers for Karnack will change. At the time of updating the CIP the most recent Census data available for Karnack was from 2010 and reported by the U.S. Census Bureau as 2,276 residents. The U.S. Census Bureau is now reporting a population of 2,807. The CIP will be revised to report a population of 2,807. It is unclear where the average population density number came from and this information will be deleted from the CIP. The Census numbers will also be reviewed and revised if applicable during the next update.	
5			Figure 2-1 in the electronic version of the document appears to be corrupted.	C	Figure 2-1 will be corrected in the Final Version.	