



1803 West Outer Road, Camp Edwards, MA 02542

Neighborhood Notice

Work Completed Near Your Neighborhood; Groundwater Treatment System Starts Up

Dear Neighbor:

As part of our effort to keep local residents advised of program activities, this notice is sent to inform you of work recently completed near your neighborhood and to announce the start-up of a new groundwater treatment facility.

The U.S. Army Environmental Command's Impact Area Groundwater Study Program has completed construction of a treatment system designed address groundwater contamination from an area known as the J -1 Range located on base near the Massachusetts Military Reservation's boundary with Forestdale. The J-1 Range South Groundwater Response Action is designed to clean up contamination by the explosive RDX and stop migration of the groundwater plume. All of the homes in the area of the plume are on town water and the contamination is in groundwater approximately 100 feet below the ground surface, so there is no risk of exposure to this contamination.

The system consists of an extraction well, which withdraws groundwater at the rate of 75 gallons per minute and pumps it through a modular treatment unit that is located near the base boundary behind Windsong Road. Following treatment, an infiltration trench returns the treated water to the aquifer. By using an existing modular unit moved from another location, the entire system was able to be installed in less than six months. The system began operating this week.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during the construction of this treatment system. For further information please visit our Web site at groundwaterprogram.army.mil or call **Pamela Richardson** with the Groundwater Study Program at **508-968-5630**.

For further information on the Impact Area Groundwater Study Program activities contact: Kristina Curley, Groundwater Study Program, (508) 968-5626; Jim Murphy, U.S. EPA New England Region 1, (617) 918-1028; or Ellie Grillo, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, (508) 946-2866.