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Project Update: Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot

Suffolk, VA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) continues ordnance and environmental investigations at the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD) site in Suffolk, Va., under the Formerly Used Defense Site Program.

Land Use Controls - The FNOD Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) held an administrative meeting March 16 to discuss DoD's proposed RAB regulation and issues of concern. An in depth discussion was generated regarding the language in the proposed rule that allows RAB input on land use controls. The proposed RAB rule indicates that the advisory board may interact with the local redevelopment authority or other land use planning bodies to discuss future land use issues relevant to environmental decision making. RAB members expressed interest in getting the Suffolk Planning Commission to attend future RAB meetings to discuss Land Use Control options/plans for the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot. The RAB also requested that the Corps provide an update on the Land Use Control plan, agreements and options for the former depot at their next meeting on April 7.

Cleanup Levels – The RAB members also requested that all source areas and areas of concern be cleaned up to EPA's residential standards. The RAB is concerned that these parcels may be rezoned for residential use 20 years down the road and that children may become exposed to Dieldrin in the soil at the Track K area and Pesticide Drum area. The Corps has budgeted nearly \$3 million for environmental investigations across the former depot site this year. Five of the six National Priority List (NPL) source areas identified by EPA are currently in the Remedial Investigation stage. These sites include the TNT area, the James River beachfront, the Horseshoe pond, Main Burning Ground area/Steamout pond, and the Track K/Former Tire Pile area. During the remedial investigation phase, the Corps evaluates the

nature and extent of environmental hazards at each site and conducts in depth analysis of the risk posed to human health and the ecosystem.

Next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

The status of the Corps' site plans and activities will be discussed at the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View, located at 5818 Harbour View Boulevard in Suffolk, in the second floor conference room. RAB meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Meeting Topics will include:

- 2005 Project Plan
- Land Use Control Plan, Agreements & Options
- Landowner Updates
- TNT Area Groundwater Investigation Map
- Pesticide Drum Area & Track K area update
- Munitions Response Update

Background on the Restoration Advisory Board

The Restoration Advisory Board was established in 1997. It is a communications forum that enables the public to provide input on cleanup efforts to the Corps and the environmental regulators. It is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders including community members, local business representatives, local and state officials, a TCC representative and environmental staff from the Corps, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA. For more information please check out the project website at <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Projects/Nansemond/welcome.html> or contact Adriane James, FUDs Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (757) 201-7701.

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