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Mississippi AAP, MS Conveyance Progress Report



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Main Plant Area, Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant

BRAC 2005 Recommendation

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommended the closure of Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant, MS (MSAAP) and the relocation of the 155MM Improved Conventional Munition (ICM) artillery metal parts functions to Rock Island Arsenal, IL.

History

MSAAP was the only ammunition plant to be built by the Army after the Korean War. It was first proposed in 1971, when the U.S. Army was engaged in a 12-year ammunition modernization program and required a large manufacturing complex. The decision was made to construct the facility in the then-undeveloped northern portion of the Stennis Space Center. Construction began on 8 January 1978, and the plant was dedicated on 31 March 1983. MSAAP was a Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated (GOCO) facility with three separate manufacturing complexes: the Projectile Metal Parts (PMPT) area; the Cargo Metal Parts (CMPT) area; the Load, Assemble and Pack area; and support and administrative facilities. At the height of production in 1989, MSAAP had 1,831 employees and was capable of producing 120,000 packaged rounds per month of the 155MM M483AI Improved Conventional Munition (ICM) projectile. In 1990, production ceased on the M483AI projectile, and the plant was put in an inactive status. In December 1992, MSAAP became an industrial park under the Congressionally appointed Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support program, which allowed rehabilitation of unused munitions manufacturing facilities for commercial use. The plant was deactivated on 4 March 2009.

Current Status

At the time of closure, MSAAP consisted of 4,214 acres permitted to the Army by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The permit was terminated on 30 June 2011, and the property reverted to NASA.

Property Description

Located in Hancock County, Mississippi, MSAAP was constructed on the northern portion of Stennis Space Center. The site had 4,214 acres and 1.7M square feet of facilities (53 buildings and 46 storage structures).

Caretaking Status

All property has been transferred, and there is no caretaking staff.

Environmental Cleanup



9100 Area - Projectile Metal Parts



9400 Area - Test Area

All of the sites requiring environmental cleanup are in a response complete status. These sites are located in two areas of the former MSAAP: 1) 9100 Area housing Building 9101 and Building 9100 and 2) the 9400 area used to test the penetration depth, arming mechanisms, and quality control of M42 and M46 grenades. The selected remedy for the 9100 area includes Five-Year Reviews and land use controls for an indefinite period. The selected remedy for the 9400 area is long-term monitoring for Volatile Organic Compounds, annual site inspections, and natural attenuation of the groundwater contamination. NASA-Stennis has included these requirements in their Environmental Base Management Plan.

Reuse Plan

There is no Reuse plan for the former Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant. All 4,214 acres and facilities reverted to NASA ownership.

Programmatic Agreement, Section 106

There is no requirement for a Programmatic Agreement at the former Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant.

Property Conveyance Plan

Summary:

Acres				Key Dates	
Total Excess: 4,214	Conveyed: 4,214 (100%)	Remaining: 0	Army Retained: 0	First Conveyance: 30 Jun 2011	Final Conveyance: 30 Jun 2011

All 4,214 acres and facilities comprising the MSAAP reverted to NASA ownership with the termination of the Army permit on 30 June 2011.

Property conveyance by parcel:

Parcel Name	Parcel Acres	Disposal Date	Parcel Recipient	Conveyance Authority
MSAAP	4,214.0	30 Jun 2011	NASA	Permit Termination

