

**Fact Sheet**  
**Tentative Hazardous Waste Permit Action**  
**Renewal of the Corrective Action Permit**  
**U.S. Army Garrison Fort Knox**  
**Fort Knox, Hardin County, Kentucky**  
**EPA ID KY6-210-020-479, AI 1642**  
**June 6, 2021**

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management (Division), has tentatively decided to approve the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Permit for the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Knox facility (Fort Knox). The permitting process is governed by the requirements of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Commonwealth of Kentucky statutes and regulations.

Fort Knox is located at 111 East Chafee Avenue, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 40121. The facility contact is Daniel Musel, who may be reached at (502) 624-3629.

### **I. Purpose of the Permitting Process**

The permitting process gives the public the opportunity to evaluate the Permittee's ability to comply with the hazardous waste management regulations. The Division must prepare a draft permit that identifies, within one concise document, every applicable requirement that must be met. The public then has forty-five (45) days to review the draft permit and submit comments before the Cabinet makes any final permit decision.

### **II. Facility Description**

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Knox facility has served as a military reservation of the United States Army since 1918. The Permittee, located in north-central Kentucky, is the home of the Army Cadet Command, Army Human Resources Command, Army Recruiting Command. The Permittee is 109,000 acres in size and provides high quality, realistic training lands for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, Coast Guard, Reserve forces, and military units of other nations.

The facility initially operated a hazardous waste container storage unit which was first permitted under RCRA in 1997. On September 27, 2012, the Cabinet transitioned the permit to a Corrective Action-only Permit due to closure of the container storage unit. While the hazardous waste storage operations were closed at the facility, the facility remains under a Corrective Action-only Permit to maintain, under the requirements of RCRA, the process of cleaning up environmental contamination resulting from past operations.

### **III. Basis of the Draft Permit**

The Division has reviewed the permit application, has determined that it is technically complete, and has tentatively decided to issue the renewal permit for the above activities.

The draft permit includes conditions required under RCRA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky statutes and regulations to ensure that all hazardous waste corrective action activities are protective of human health and the environment.

This facility is not permitted to treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste more for more than 90 days, which is allowed for any facility which generates hazardous waste in similar quantities. On occasion, the facility does generate hazardous waste from their corrective action activities, such as investigative derived waste from monitoring well sampling, or soil from hot spot removals etc.

### **IV. Procedures to Make a Final Decision**

The public notice announces the opening of a forty-five (45) day public comment period in which any interested person is encouraged to submit comments on the proposed draft permit. The public comment period begins on June 6, 2021 coincident with the date of the publication of the public notice in the News-Enterprise and ends on July 21, 2021. All public comment shall submit with name and mailing address of the individual making the comment.

The administrative record, which includes the draft permit, the permit application, and related information, can be reviewed at the following locations:

**Division of Waste Management**, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601

Contact: Tina Fisher at [Tina.Fisher@ky.gov](mailto:Tina.Fisher@ky.gov)

**Hardin County Public Library**, 100 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Contact: Rene Hutcheson

**Division of Waste Management web site:** <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/hazardous-waste/Pages/permit-review-corrective-action.aspx>

Upon request, this information can be made available in alternative formats. To make an appointment, submit a written request at least 72 hours prior to the desired review date.

Anyone wishing to submit a comment, needing additional information, or wanting to be put on the facility mailing list should contact:

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#### What will the Division do with the Comments they receive?

After consideration of all written comments and requirements of state laws and regulations, the Director of the Division of Waste Management will make a final decision regarding the permit. If the tentative decision to issue a permit is substantially changed, the Division will issue a public notice indicating a revision of the decision. If the tentative decision to issue a permit modification is substantially unchanged from those announced in the public notice, notification of issuance will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, the Division will also release a Response to Comments document. All significant comments on the draft permit, raised during the public comment period, will be responded to in the Response to Comments document.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the final issuance of the permit modification may file a petition with the Cabinet or the Division, which sets forth the grounds of the objection and the demand for a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2). This type of hearing is held before a hearing officer. All parties are advised to have legal counsel present.

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