

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Government intends to transfer approximately 9,065 acres of real property at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant (Sunflower AAP), in DeSoto, Kansas to Sunflower Redevelopment LLC for mixed-use general development. From 1941 to 1992, Sunflower AAP was used for the production of propellant for the United States military. As a result approximately 5,342 acres at Sunflower AAP require environmental or explosive remediation. As part of the property transfer, Sunflower Redevelopment LLC will assume responsibility for cleaning up environmental contamination and conducting a munitions response to address any explosive hazards on approximately 5,342 acres of property at Sunflower AAP. The environmental cleanup will be performed pursuant to a consent order that will be issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental (KDHE). The munitions response will be performed in accordance with Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board (DDESB) requirements.

Under Federal Law, the Army may transfer Sunflower AAP prior to the completion of remediation activities if the Governor of Kansas determines that: the property is suitable for transfer; the intended use is consistent with the protection of human health and the environment; adequate assurance exists that all necessary response actions will be taken; and the required response actions will not be substantially delayed or disrupted. The Army has prepared a finding of suitability for early transfer (FOSET) to demonstrate that the legal requirements to transfer Sunflower AAP have been met. The FOSET summarizes the environmental conditions at Sunflower and identifies restrictions and controls to allow the property to be transferred without causing an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment and without interfering with the on-going Sunflower environmental remedial activities.

The Sunflower FOSET and a draft of the Consent Order between KDHE and the developer may be viewed at [http://www.sfaap.net/Sunflower\\_Final\\_FOSET.htm](http://www.sfaap.net/Sunflower_Final_FOSET.htm). Copies of these Sunflower documents may also be obtained at the Johnson County Public Libraries in Overland Park and DeSoto, or at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, office of Commander's Representative.

The Army is seeking public and regulatory comments on the Sunflower FOSET. Interested members of the public must submit any comments regarding the Sunflower FOSET not later than March 26, 2005. All comments should be directed to: Commander's Representative, Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, Attn: Mr. Tony E. Spaar, Department of the Army, Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, P.O. Box 640, DeSoto, KS 66018-0640, or e-mailed to [tony\\_spaar@sfaap.net](mailto:tony_spaar@sfaap.net).