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DEPOT PLANNING AUTHORITY SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Public Comment April 1, 2010 – April 27, 2010 – The Umatilla Army Depot Reuse Authority is seeking Public Comment on the Land Reuse Alternatives Report pertaining to the redevelopment of the property at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The Public Comment period will begin April 1. The Draft Land Reuse Alternatives Report and Public Comment Form will be posted at www.missionumatilla.com or you can contact Kim Swentik for the documents. A **Public Information Forum** is scheduled for **April 15 at the Umatilla Electric Co-op: 750 W. Elm Street in Hermiston, Oregon from 10:00 am until Noon.**

There are five ways to submit your comments:

1. Complete the Public Comment Electronic Form available on the website and email to ks@missionumatilla.com
2. Download and Print the Public Comment To Print Form available on the website and mail to the address listed on the form
3. Attend the Public Information Forum and complete the available documents and turn in or mail to sited address
4. Record your verbal comments at the Public Information Forum
5. Contact Kim Swentik at ks@missionumatilla.com to request forms be delivered to your email or sent to you via standard mail. Complete the forms and return to address sited on form.

The purpose of the Public Information Forum and the Public Comment Period is to allow the community a voice in the planning of the nearly 20,000 acres currently owned by the US Army. To help alleviate the adverse effects of base closure to the local community, the Army established and funded the UMADRA, composed of representatives of Umatilla and Morrow Counties and Ports and the Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. This group serves to develop a land use, economic and environmental protection plan which considers possible property available for redevelopment.

The UMCD has stored chemical weapons since World War II. Weapons are now being destroyed and the task is expected to be completed by Spring 2012 or sooner. The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommends closure of the UMCD site after clean up. The U.S. Army seeks to sell surplus buildings and property, although significant consideration is given to recommendations for land use given by the UMADRA.

UMADRA hired the team of Dana Engineering and MSE, Inc., based in the Tri Cities, Washington, to evaluate base properties and buildings and to assist with gathering of information that will help UMADRA develop a plan for base re-use.