

Currently, the U.S. Army maintains Badger AAP.

Disposal of Badger AAP by GSA would remove the property from Federal ownership, except for any parcel that may be accepted for transfer to another Federal agency. Whether transferred in its entirety or over time in separate parcels to one or more entities, the land removed from Federal ownership subsequently (and only after transfer) may become subject to Merrimac or Sumpter Township's and Sauk County's land use decisions and taxing authority. All future development or reuse would be determined by subsequent owners and may be subject to local zoning, permitting, and land use controls. In addition, GSA has facilitated the development of a Memorandum of Understanding and an Intergovernmental Agreement among the stakeholders to provide for the coordination of the operation and management of these lands after disposal takes place. These agreements are pending final execution by all parties thereto. GSA has evaluated two alternatives as part of the EIS including the No-Action Alternative and the Disposal Alternative (Proposed Action and Preferred Alternative).

GSA issued a Draft EIS in June 2002 with publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2002. The NOA provided a start date for the 45-day public comment period that was originally scheduled to end on August 19, 2002 but was extended by 42 days to end on September 30, 2002. The notice of extension for the public review period was published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2002. During the public comment period a public hearing for the Draft EIS was held in Baraboo, Wisconsin on July 24, 2002.

The Final EIS addressed comments received on the Draft EIS and was released on March 13, 2003 with publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2003 for final comment. The 30-day public comment period was originally scheduled to end on April 21, 2003, but was extended 7 days to close on April 28, 2003. The notice of extension was published in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 2003. A total of seven comments were received during the public review period on the Final EIS. Six of these comments are similar to comments received on the Draft EIS and were considered in the decision presented in this ROD. The seventh comment was received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which concluded: "provided that the recommendation concerning open burning activities is complied with, our

Agency will not object to the implementation of the project as described in the Final EIS." EPA's recommendations, in actuality, related to actions of the Holding Agency, Army—BAAP, and are separate and apart from GSA's Proposed Action, but the Holding Agency's actions are indeed wholly in compliance with EPA's recommendation. An eighth comment was received late from Department of the Interior, dated after the close of the comment period.

GSA provided written notices of the availability of the Draft EIS and Final EIS in the **Federal Register**, local newspapers, and through local libraries. GSA distributed approximately 250 copies of the two volume Draft EIS and 300 copies of the Final EIS to Federal agencies, tribal, state and local governments, elected officials, interested organizations, and individuals.

Availability of Record of Decision (ROD)

The ROD and other information regarding this project are available upon request. To obtain a copy directly, please go to the web site <http://www.badgeraap.org> and follow the links under "What's New."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark N. Lundgren, General Services Administration, at (312) 353-0302.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Request for Nominations of Members to the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary requests nomination of individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability in accordance with its charter. Appointments will be made for a term of four years. Individuals nominated after June 1, 2000, will remain under consideration for these appointments.

DATES: All nominations must be received at the address below no later than 4 p.m. e.d.t. July 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All nominations shall be submitted to CAPT Lawrence C. McMurtry, Acting Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway—Suite 250, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone (301) 443-2331.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Nominations: In accordance with the charter of the committee, persons nominated for membership should be from among authorities knowledgeable in blood banking, transfusion medicine, bioethics and/or related disciplines. Members shall be selected from State and local organizations, advocacy groups, consumer advocates, provider organizations, academic researchers, ethicists, private physicians, scientists, consumer advocates, legal organizations and from among communities of persons who are frequent recipients of blood and blood products.

Information Required: Each nomination shall consist of a package that, at a minimum, includes:

A. The name, return address, daytime telephone number and affiliation(s) of the individual being nominated, the basis for the individual's nomination, the category for which the individual is nominated, and a statement bearing an original signature of the nominated individual that if appointed he or she is willing to serve as a member of the committee;

B. The name, return address, daytime telephone number at which the nominator may be contacted.

Organizational nominators must identify a principal contact person in addition to the contact information; and

C. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a strong interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and physically challenged individuals are adequately represented on the Committee and, therefore, encourages nomination of qualified candidates from these groups. The Department also encourages geographic diversity in the composition of the Committee.

Individuals should feel free to nominate themselves. All nomination information for a nominee must be