PUBLIC NOTICE

Air Force Civil Engineer Center Invites Public Comment on Revised Community Involvement Plan

The AFCEC Installation Restoration Program (IRP) is responsible for addressing soil and groundwater contamination caused by past military practices at Joint Base Cape Cod (JBBC) and the base is listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) National Priorities List, also known as Superfund.

In October 2024, AFCEC issued a revised final CIP that describes public participation opportunities and available resources of information related to the IRP at JBCC. On Jan. 20, 2025, Presidential Executive Order 14151 was issued and entitled "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing."

In compliance with the executive order, the language related to environmental justice is removed. The Air Force's commitment to community engagement is guided by federal statutes and regulations, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and is detailed in the plan's 'Community Consultation' section. This revision requires a 30-day public comment period.

AFCEC is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the revised Draft CIP from August 1-30, 2025. At the close of the comment period, all comments received will be reviewed and addressed in a responsiveness summary listing all comments received during the public comment period. It will be attached to the Final CIP when issued.

The revised draft CIP has been sent to the main public libraries of Bourne, Mashpee, Falmouth, and Sandwich. Notice of its availability was sent to several email stakeholder lists including residents, news media, elected officials and various organizations on and off JBCC. The draft is available <u>online</u> at the link located below:

Webpage: https://jbcc-iagwsp.org/community/public/irp/

Please submit comments in writing by August 30, 2025:

Mail written comments to: Doug Karson AFCEC/JBCC 199 Falmouth-Sandwich Road Mashpee, MA 02649 E-mail comments to: douglas.karson@us.af.mil

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