

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE ARIZONA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
DRAFT FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT THE
161ST AIR REFUELING WING SITE OF THE
SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On behalf of the Arizona Air National Guard (ANG), ERM-West, Inc. (ERM) has conducted a Five-Year Review (Review) of the environmental cleanup at the 161st Air Refueling Wing of the Sky Harbor International Airport ANG (Site) located on the south side of the airport at Old Tower Road in Phoenix, Arizona. The cleanup involved operation of a remediation system that operated from 2001 to 2007. The remediation system has been used to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater caused by an accumulation of various leaks and spills prior to 1995.

The remediation system works by injecting clean air into the groundwater aquifer to volatilize contaminants, extracting fuel-impacted vapors from the soil above the water table, and treating the fuel-impacted vapors to levels approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for benzene and other fuel compounds. The extent of the environmental impact has been monitored since the 1990s, and the impact has remained on airport property. This review will evaluate whether the cleanup actions for the Site remain protective of human health and the environment.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

ERM assessed the effectiveness of the remediation system in treating fuel impacts at the Site. ERM have communicated with ANG personnel, ADEQ authorities, the City of Phoenix, and interested members of the public. Results of the review are provided in a Draft Five-Year Review report, which is available at the local information repository (ADEQ files located at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community feedback related to current site conditions, problems, or concerns with the remediation system is necessary for a successful and instructive Five-Year Review. ERM will accept written comments on behalf of the ANG for a 30-day period beginning August 26, 2009. If you would like to comment on the Draft Five-Year Review please contact:

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