

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Proposed Action for Military Container Production Facility

Blue Grass Army Depot, Richmond, Kentucky

Environmental Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of a Military Container Production Facility. BGAD prepared the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Title 42 United States Code (USC) § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA); and U.S. Department of War NEPA Implementing Procedures issued 30 April 2026. The EA has been prepared to help decision-makers understand the potential extent of environmental impacts of the proposed action and to determine whether significant impacts to the environment are likely to result from it.

PROPOSED ACTION

BGAD analyzed four possible actions: the proposed action, an alternative A action, an alternative B action and the no-action alternative. The proposed action is to construct a Military Container Production Facility at BGAD with two (2) production lines with two (2) shift operations. A 25,000 Twenty Foot Equivalent (TEU) facility with 2 production lines requires 650,000 sq ft under roof on 32 acres of land. The proposed site location is on the former Wherry Housing Development and decommissioned Golf Course for a combined total of 50 acres of area. Alternative A and B sites, while meeting the footprint requirements for the facility were considered less favorable due to presence of aquatic resources and undisturbed agricultural land and higher traffic impacts (increased transit distance across depot administrative area as compared to the proposed action). The no-action alternative was considered in the analysis to serve as a baseline against which to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action.

DETERMINATION

The analysis contained in the EA determined that the Proposed Action would have no significant adverse effects on:

Wetland and Aquatic Resources
Cultural Resources
Endangered Species & Terrestrial habitats
Noise
Socioeconomic
Floodplain
Air Quality
Hazardous Waste

The anticipated environmental effects related to the Military Container Production Facility will be minimal. The current best management practices and mitigation measures will be in place throughout project construction.

The proposed action will not violate any federal, state, or local environmental laws or regulations.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and EA were made available for public review and comments from June 7 to June 22, 2026, at locations listed in the EA public notice. BGAD also coordinated with three major stakeholder agencies, as follows:

- 1) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 2) Energy Environment Cabinet / Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection
- 3) Tribal Consultation

Two comments were received from the public during the public comment period. They were concerning the local utilities and environmental mitigation measures. Both comments have been addressed.

BGAD received letters from the US Fish and Wildlife Services and the Energy & Environment Cabinet departments and they had no major concerns with this project.

I have determined, based on the analysis in the EA and reviews of stakeholder and public comments received and the mitigation measures to be taken, the proposed action will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, the draft FONSI included with the public notice is now considered final.

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BGAD plans to implement the Proposed Action based on the information presented in the EA. All public comments have been addressed, and the proposed action will be implemented with no significant impact on the environment.

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