

FACT SHEET

Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD)

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Construction of a Small Arms Ammunition Magazine

I. Facility Description

BGAD is a 14,596-acre facility operated by the United States Army and is located in Madison County, Kentucky. The depot was established in April 1942 during World War II by the War Department as an ordnance supply depot. The facility address is 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, Kentucky.

II. Proposed Activity

The Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) is considering a proposed action to construct a 170,000 square foot small arms ammunition magazine. The proposed action is being considered due to the deteriorating condition of the existing small arms munition storage magazines. The existing magazines were constructed during World War II and the design is no longer adequate for the storage of large quantities of small arms ammunition. The proposed action would move small arms ammunition storage to a further interior location inside the restricted area, creating a larger safety buffer between the magazine and a major public traffic route. The proposed action is needed to provide safe and efficient facilities to meet current and future installation mission requirements.

To meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations Part 651, the U.S. Army conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. The areas of environmental analysis examined in the EA include land use, air quality, water resources, human health and safety, cultural resources, and threatened and endangered species. The EA concluded that the proposed action would have no significant environmental impacts. In keeping with the NEPA process, a draft "Finding of No Significant Impact" has been prepared and is available for public comment. A decision will be made on this proposed action following review of the public comments.

III. Public Comment Period

The public comment period for soliciting comments on the EA and draft "Finding of No Significant Impact" documents begin on **04 MAY 2025** and will conclude on **03 JUNE 2025**. The EA and Draft FONSI are available for public review at the following address:

[\[https://www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx\]](https://www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx)

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments on the EA and Draft FONSI via-email to BGAD's Public Affairs Officer, at usarmy.bluegrass.jmc.mbx.bgad-pao@army.mil. Alternatively, comments may be sent via US Postal Service to his attention at Blue Grass Army Depot, 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475. For any general questions, PAO can be reached at (859) 779-6941. **All comments must be submitted during this 30-day public comment period no later than June 3, 2025.** The comments received by this date will be addressed prior to a final determination made by the Army as to whether to issue a Final FONSI or issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.