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ADEQ, EPA DECLARE REMINGTON SITE 'READY FOR REUSE'

Today, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a "ready for reuse" certificate to the Remington Arms Company for a Corrective Action Strategy project at its ammunition manufacturing plant in Lonoke.

This is the first certificate issued nationally for a start-to-finish Corrective Action Strategy project. The Corrective Active Strategy, developed by EPA and adopted by ADEQ, is a risk- and performance-based approach to cleanups intended to save time and money, while still maintaining protective standards.

The state of Arkansas and EPA agree that Remington Arms has successfully completed its cleanup of the property. The "ready for reuse" determination verifies that the environmental conditions on this property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current use and anticipated future use.

"I am delighted that DuPont and Remington demonstrated their leadership by partnering with EPA and ADEQ on the Remington Arms facility cleanup, the nation's first start-to-finish 'Corrective Action Strategy' project," EPA Regional Administrator Richard E. Greene said. "The companies estimate they saved seven years and \$5 million under this new innovative program to streamline land revitalization projects. This 'ready for reuse' determination is confirmation that the facility cleanup obligations are complete."

A "ready for reuse" determination provides, in a straightforward manner, specific information about contamination, work performed at the site, and the status of each real estate parcel that has been cleaned up to meet state and federal requirements.

Marcus C. Devine, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Director, said, "These efforts show that we can accomplish great things when key players in industry and government agencies, both state and federal, work together."

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Remington's Environmental Coordinator, Sammy Bates, said, "We jumped at the opportunity to work with ADEQ and EPA Region 6 when presented the option to conduct our corrective action as a pilot for the new Corrective Action Strategy program.

"By utilizing the Corrective Action Strategy concept, we shaved years and thousands of dollars off of the work required to make the property ready for reuse," Bates said. "This isn't just a feel good program. It is a program that works and Remington is the proof."

Steve Shoemaker, a senior consultant with DuPont's Corporate Remediation Group, said, "The Corrective Action Strategy concept proved to be a common sense approach to safeguarding human health and the environment while working collaboratively with industry. The leadership at Region 6 and ADEQ should be commended for their vision in implementing such an effective and efficient program."

Nearly 6,100 cubic yards of lead-contaminated soil were removed from the Remington facility as part of the project.

The Remington Arms Company Lonoke Facility was built and operated in 1969 as a wholly owned subsidiary of DuPont. DuPont sold its interest in Remington in 1993 but participated in the cleanup of the site. Remington manufactures small arms ammunition and ammunition components in Lonoke.

For information on the "ready for reuse" program, call Daniel Clanton, Engineer Supervisor, Active Sites Section, ADEQ Hazardous Waste Division, (501) 682-0834 or Steve Gilrein, Associate Director of the Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA Region 6, (214) 665-8179.

More information about the EPA ready for reuse program is available at www.epa.gov/region6/ready4reuse/index.htm

To learn more about EPA's Land Revitalization Initiative, contact Ed Chu, Associate Director for Land Revitalization, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response at (202) 564-2196.

Photos ADEQ staff took at the event are available. Go to the ADEQ Web Site www.adeg.state.ar.us for a link to high-resolution photos.