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U.S. Army Fort Wingate Depot Activity seeks information, announces public meeting

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army is seeking factual information about former activities at the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) that may now require environmental clean up. Former employees and members of the public are encouraged to contact the army with any pertinent information by calling (505) 488-5411 or by mail at Fort Wingate Depot Activity, ATTN: Mark Patterson, P.O. Box 268, Historic Route 66, Fort Wingate, N.M. 87316. The Army is available to conduct interviews from September 15th – September 21, 2006.

The Army assures former employees that non-disclosure agreements would not be binding, due to the fact that the Army has an official need to know about any releases of hazardous wastes or materials.

The Army is trying to conduct a thorough investigation of FWDA to identify potential sites at FWDA it is responsible for cleaning up. In doing so, the Army does not intend to bring civil or criminal charges against anyone who provides information about former activities at FWDA. The activities in question are to address Army requirements to clean up Fort Wingate under a State of New Mexico permit and are not part of any criminal investigation. Therefore, former employees and members of the public are encouraged to provide any information they may have concerning environmental issues at Fort Wingate Depot Activity.

In addition, a public Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 20, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the Coral Room, Best Western Inn & Suites, 3009 West Hwy 66, Gallup, N.M., 87301. The purpose of the meeting is to brief the public on the current status of the environmental restoration program at Fort Wingate Depot Activity.

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