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Schilling feasibility study contract awarded

SALINA, Kan. – A contract for performing a pilot study in support of the feasibility study phase of work at the former Schilling Air Force Base was awarded Feb. 28 to HydroGeoLogic, a contractor with headquarters in Herndon, Va.

The study will evaluate which technologies will be effective in cleanup of source areas. Its second objective is to reduce contamination within the study areas, which include locations on the Kansas State-Salina campus and the Salina Airport Authority properties.

The pilot study will include treating trichloroethylene in the soil and groundwater using in two locations at the site. The contractor will use in-situ chemical oxidation and enhanced bioremediation to treat the TCE. One location is on the Kansas State University campus near Building 837. The second is on the airport property near Buildings 606 and 626.

Plans are to start implementation of the test this summer.

Col. Michael Rossi, district commander for the Kansas City District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is working to remove contamination at the former Air Force base, said the contract will help address contamination mitigation there while complying with the law.

“The process we are following is directed by CERCLA (the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act), a federal law. It requires us to first investigate and characterize the contamination and determine the responsible parties. We then, under a public process, take the steps necessary to remediate the site,” Rossi said. “The CERCLA process demands transparency. Over the past 10 years our investigation at Schilling has been open to the public, has sought comment and review from state and federal agencies as well as independent technical review by outside authorities.”

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