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Pot. County resident elected co-chair of missile site cleanup board

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A Pottawatomie County resident will serve as the top community advisor to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' cleanup of the former Forbes Atlas Missile Site north of Wamego, Kan.

Members of the community voted Ebel Road subdivision's Dedra Boggs into the voluntary position Tuesday night at the site's first restoration advisory board meeting at the Wamego Public Library.

Boggs will lead the community in advising and informing the Army on local concerns and questions about the site's cleanup.

"Dedra will give the local community a central source of information and provide us with the valuable perspective of someone living in the affected neighborhood," said Saqib Khan, project manager with the Kansas City District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The Army is committed to seeking public involvement, and Dedra will help us do that."

Trichloroethene, a solvent used at the missile site, was found in the groundwater near the site in the fall of 2002. The Corps has provided carbon filtration systems to provide clean, safe water to the affected residences.

Documentation for the initial phases of cleanup is available for review and public comment at the Wamego Public Library until Jan. 31. Comments can be left at the library or mailed to Khan at NWK-PA, 700 Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo 64106.

The next restoration advisory board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Wamego Public Library.

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