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FORT A.P. HILL CONTINUES NOISE MONITORING STUDY

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. – After resuming the noise monitoring study last night, Fort A.P. Hill conducted morning and afternoon tests as scheduled today. The study will continue with detonations scheduled tonight at 6 p.m.

The study is designed to replicate what people could experience if the U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal School is relocated here. The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) and EOD School teams have joined Fort A.P. Hill to conduct the study in response to community concerns. The test plan consists of 320 shots containing a total of 1,210 pounds of explosives detonated during various weather conditions.

“Rather than capturing average conditions, these recent days of testing are rather representative of the worst sound propagation,” said Lt. Col. John W. Haefner, Fort A.P. Hill garrison commander.

Noise monitoring locations include residences in Port Royal, Portobago Bay, a subdivision along U.S. 17; Essex County; and Edmont of Port Royal Bed and Breakfast. Other locations include Liberty Church, Cooke Camp, Rappahannock Gate, and Peumansend Creek Regional Jail on the installation.

Phyllis Carpenter, an innkeeper at Edmont of Port Royal Bed and Breakfast, hosts one of the noise monitoring locations. Carpenter said the noise levels are lower than she anticipated.

“We feel we’ve been heard,” Carpenter said. “I do feel the Army is trying to work with the community.”