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**Fort A.P. Hill begins noise monitoring test study**

**FORT A.P. HILL, Va.** – Fort A.P. Hill kicked off its noise monitoring study today to help alleviate community concerns over the proposed relocation of the U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal School to the installation.

This 7-day study is designed to replicate what people could experience if the school were to move to the post. Teams from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) and the EOD School, currently located at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., are conducting the study.

The test plan includes 320 shots containing a total of 1,210 pounds of explosives. The smallest charges are a quarter-pound and largest are 25 pounds.

The day started with a briefing at 5 a.m. where the Fort A.P. Hill Garrison Commander Lt. Col. John W. Haefner and his staff reviewed the weather forecast, detonation sites, and noise monitoring locations based on input from surrounding community members.

The first series of chargers were detonated at 7 a.m. and concluded at 9:12 a.m. A second series of detonations commenced at noon and concluded at 1:42 p.m.

Noise monitoring locations include residences in Port Royal, Portobago Bay, a subdivision along U.S. 17; Essex County; and Edmont Bed and Breakfast in Edmont. Locations on the installation

include Liberty Church, Rappahannock Gate, Peumansend Regional Jail, and Cooke Camp Farm House.

“I’m very happy with the local participation,” Haefner said. “I think today was a good representation of any given day of EOD training. There will be some better noise conditions and there will be some worse.”

Weather permitting, the teams will continue with the study on Friday at 7-9 a.m., noon-2 p.m., and 6-8 p.m., and will resume the same schedule through Feb. 10.