



THIS WEEK IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Camp Minden Outreach

MARCH 11-12, 2015



Camp Minden Dialogue and Technical Subcommittee Meetings:

More than 70 concerned citizens participated in a series of meetings held to discuss alternative technologies to destroy 15 million pounds of M6 propellant at Camp Minden. A Technical Subcommittee met March 11, 2015 to propose required attributes and performance measures. The Camp Minden Dialogue Committee convened for its second public meeting March 12, 2015, to make recommendations and serve as a collective body voicing the concerns of the Camp Minden community.

Community Concerns:

“I am here because of my 400 newly-planted trees,” said Ron Hager during an ice breaker exercise. EPA facilitators encouraged committee members to introduce themselves and share what they hope to achieve during the meetings. The reasons for member participation ranged from the personal to the patriotic. “I am here for my 11 cows,” said Reverend Sam Mims. “And I am here for my children and grandchildren said,” Sheila McCormick.

“We have to come to some kind of conclusion because we are running out of time and I am prepared to offer my suggestions,” said John Stanley, Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.



Partners:

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals joined Representative Gene Reynolds to work with activists including ArkLaTex Clean Air Network LLC, Louisiana Progress Action, and the Louisiana Environmental Action Network.

