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## **McCollum Statement on the Future Status of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP)**

**Washington, DC** –Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) released the following statement regarding the City of Arden Hills' development of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP):

“For eight years my office has worked with Arden Hills, the U.S. Army, and the General Services Administration, to get the pollution at TCAAP cleaned-up and all 585 acres of excess federal land put back into productive use. Over the past weeks, I have been personally involved in facilitating discussions between local and federal parties to help make the city’s vision of a mixed use development a reality.

“Now that Arden Hills will no longer be pursuing a negotiated sale with the Army, it is time to explore all remaining realistic options for use, along with the costs and resources available for achieving an ultimate end use. Since the disposal of this contaminated federal land will impact Arden Hills, as well as surrounding communities, I would encourage a broad discussion of potential usage options that would provide the greatest benefit to residents of Arden Hill, Ramsey County, and the entire metropolitan area.

“One possibility being put forth by the Army and GSA is a public auction of TCAAP. I have serious concerns about this method of disposal and would oppose moving forward with any public auction without broad community support.

“Finally, regardless of the failed transfer, the Army continues to be responsible for the clean-up of the environmental contamination on TCAAP. It is time for the Army to put forth a timeline and the necessary resources to fulfill its clean-up obligations.”

***Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.***

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