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Ceremony Scheduled to Recognize Tahlequah Armory is Ready for Reuse

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that the former Tahlequah National Guard Armory is now ready for reuse by the City of Tahlequah. A special ceremony will be held at the Armory, 100 Phoenix Ave., Tahlequah, Oklahoma, at 1:00 p.m., June 13, 2013.

Armories such as the Tahlequah facility were cleaned up as part of DEQ's Site Cleanup Assistance Program (SCAP). Funding for SCAP was enacted by 2006 legislation from an existing gasoline assessment. Through that program, DEQ evaluates and remediates environmental hazards at surplus National Guard armories. The cleanups allow armories to be safely transferred to local governmental entities.

Environmental issues common to many of the facilities are contamination from indoor firing ranges, lead-based paint, and asbestos. DEQ works closely with local community leaders to ensure their needs are met and these potential hazards are properly remediated prior to ownership transfer.

Cleanups are conducted in cooperation with the Oklahoma Military Department and the Division of Capital Assets Management. More information on SCAP is available at www.deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/scapIndex.htm.

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