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Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure Office

Dear Community Member:

You are invited to visit the Fort Ord cleanup information booth at the Monterey County Fair from August 15 through August 16, 2008. This is our largest outreach event—please stop by our booth and meet some of the people who work on the cleanup project. Representatives of the U.S. Army will be at the booth on Friday and representatives of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement Remediation Program will be at the booth on Saturday.

In September, we will participate in a student outreach event at California State University at Monterey Bay as well as the September 27, 2008 Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Day on the former Fort Ord. More information, including a flyer for Public Lands Day event, will be posted on our web site and included in the September mailing.

Our next Community Involvement Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8 at the new Marina Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, California. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and an update on the prescribed burn program is scheduled.

For your use, we have included a list of the latest documents, information from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority's Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement, a list of Fort Ord contacts, and the meeting summary notes from the July 9, 2008 Community Involvement Workshop. Cleanup information is also on our web site at [www.FortOrdCleanup.com](http://www.FortOrdCleanup.com). Thank you for your interest in the cleanup at former Fort Ord. For questions, please contact Melissa Broadston at (831) 393-1284 or at [Melissa.Broadston@us.army.mil](mailto:Melissa.Broadston@us.army.mil). We hope to see you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Youngblood".

Gail Youngblood  
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Enclosures

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**Post- Workshop Summary Notes  
Ford Ord Environmental Cleanup  
Community Involvement Workshop  
July 9, 2008  
Marina Public Library, Marina, CA**

Facilitator: Ben Strumwasser

The below listed material was provided to workshop attendees:

- An agenda
- Presentation Slides – Field Activity Update
- Presentation Slides – OU2 Landfill Status
- Presentation Slides – Update Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)
- Document Update
- 2008 What Happens Next Calendar
- BRAC Cleanup Team Meeting Minutes
- Post-Workshop Summary Notes April 9, 2008
- Fact Sheet – Military Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol
- Fact Sheet – Military Munitions Site Numbering System
- Map – Military Munitions Site Response Prioritization

**Agenda Topics**

- Field Activity Update
- OU2 Landfill Status
- Update Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)

**Attendees**

- Ben Strumwasser, Facilitator
- Ms. Gail Youngblood, Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure Office (BRAC)
- Melissa Broadston, BRAC
- Caleb Schneider, BRAC
- Kai Hayashi, BRAC
- David Eisen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Lewis Mitani, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Stan Cook, Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
- Laura Baldwin, FORA
- Aimée Houghton, Westcliffe Engineers
- Ms. Stone Stone, Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network (FOEJN)
- Richard Bailey, Fort Ord Community Advisory Group (CAG)
- Chieko Nguyen, BRAC
- Lee Stickler
- Kristy Riemer, LFR
- Martin Hausladen, EPA

- Grant Himebaugh, California Regional Water Quality Control (RWQCB)
- Jack Stewart
- Jonathan Lockhart
- Ted Terrasas, Monterey County Health Department
- Gary Griffith
- Robert Smith
- Sonja Smith
- Bruce Evans
- Mr. Kevin Siemann, Shaw

**Announcement by Ms. Gail Youngblood, Fort Ord BRAC Environmental Coordinator**

Ms. Gail Youngblood welcomed everyone and thanked Mr. Bruce Evans, a community member, for recommending the Marina Library as a location for Community Involvement Workshops. Future Community Involvement Workshops will be held at this location.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Ben Strumwasser, facilitator for the meeting, made introductions and gave an overview of the agenda.

**Presentation: Fieldwork Update**

Ms. Youngblood provided an update on the Army's current cleanup actions for soil, groundwater, and munitions and explosives of concern. She also reviewed current activities related to management of environmentally sensitive lands, property transfer and community outreach. She discussed the current soil cleanup activities including: Site 39, Interim Action Sites, No Action Sites, and Carbon Tetrachloride soil vapor extraction. She provided an update on the groundwater treatment activities related to Operable Unit 1 (OU1), Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride, Operable Unit 2 (OU2), and Site 2 / 12. The presentation continued with a review of the activities and documents related to Munitions Response Site 16 (MRS-16), Track 3 Impact Area, and the four areas proposed for the 2008 prescribed burn season. During the discussion of the prescribed burns, it was noted that the Army hopes to get the appropriate conditions to proceed with the prescribed burns sometime this year; however, the Army may not have the opportunity to conduct all of the proposed prescribed burns in the four areas this season. As of July 9, due to the abundance of wildfires in California, fire personnel resources are limited and through August 1, the Army is not planning for any burns even if the proper weather conditions exist. She completed the field work presentation with a review of the upcoming reports related to the management of environmentally sensitive lands and a brief review of the recent community outreach activities.

There were several questions from the audience.

Ms. LeVonne Stone asked for the location of the UC Nature Reserve where the groundwater treatment for Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride was conducted. Ms. Youngblood responded that UC Santa Cruz has a large natural reserve at the former Fort

Ord and showed the injection location on the presentation slides. Ms. Youngblood also noted that the Army coordinates with the UC Natural Reserve Manager to minimize impacts to the habitat. The corner location of the UC Nature Reserve was selected as the location of the temporary water treatment facility because there were access roads already in-place.

Ms. Stone asked if Armstrong Ranch was the location where residents are complaining about dust. Ms. Youngblood responded that the Army received one complaint about dust and diesel emissions from Ms. Chris Donovan. Ms. Donovan is a neighbor in Monterey Bay Estates, near Armstrong Ranch.

Ms. Stone stated that the Army's cleanup work in the Armstrong Ranch area has been going on for a long time and that there is no protection from noise or dust during construction. Ms. Youngblood responded that the Army is in the process of responding to Ms. Donovan regarding the dust and diesel emissions. Ms. Stone asked for a copy of the response letter to Ms. Donovan. Ms. Youngblood added that the construction equipment being used for the work in the Armstrong Ranch area is standard equipment that is used in many other places. The equipment meets all air emissions standards.

Ms. Stone stated that she has received three e-mails from residents in the vicinity of Fort Ord regarding dust. She also noted that there is no emergency plan, designated cooling areas, or a relocation plan. She requested that the Army provide respirators for the public. She also noted that several individuals in the community are stressed-out about these issues affecting their health. As a recent example, a teenager had a reaction to Poison Oak without coming in contact with the plant. Ms. Stone requested that the Army provide assistance to protect health. Ms. Youngblood responded that the Army would like to know about people who are affected by the dust from the Army's activities and asked that Ms. Stone forward the e-mails to the Army so that responses could be prepared.

#### **Presentation: OU2 Landfill Status**

##### **Presentation: Operable Unit 2 (OU2) Landfill**

Mr. Kevin Siemann, Shaw Environmental, gave an update on landfill cleanup activities. He began by showing the location of the landfill. He discussed the closure of Area A and the use of soils to build a foundation for the cover. The landfill is covered with an impermeable cap that is covered by soil. This cover prevents rainwater infiltration through the waste to the groundwater. He noted that landfill gas is produced in all landfills when organic waste decomposes. The Army operates a gas extraction and treatment system. The Fort Ord landfill gas is monitored. The monitoring is conducted with probes in and around the landfill. Mr. Siemann also showed the location of these gas monitoring wells. Next, he described the on-going landfill operation and maintenance activities which include: weekly inspections, an annual inspection by professional engineers, quarterly inspections by the Monterey County Department of Environmental Health, necessary repairs, and continued gas monitoring.

After the presentation, there was one question.

Ms. Stone asked if the landfill would be reopened for receipt of lead contaminated soil from Site 39? The Army is considering depositing soil from Site 39 into the landfill. This is still being discussed. Mr. Siemann referred to the previous presentation for the soil cleanup project in the Impact Range (Site 39).

**Presentation: Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement Remediation Program**

Mr. Stan Cook, Program Manager for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Environmental Services Cooperative Service Agreement (ESCA) Remediation Program provided an update of this cleanup project. As background, he reviewed the history and role of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority then described the elements of the ESCA Remediation Program. He emphasized that the most important component of this program is safe and effective munitions and explosives of concern remediation at Fort Ord. He provided a map of the ESCA parcels as well as a list of ESCA Remediation Program documents which will soon be issued between April and December--these documents will be available for community comment. The ESCA parcels called Seaside 1-4 are undergoing remediation activities.

Mr. Cook provided an update on the specific field and remediation activities in this area as well as the number and type of munitions and explosives of concern recovered from this area so far. He also discussed the focused community outreach activities that have been completed for the work in this area.

For both the on-going work at Seaside 1-4 as well as future work at the ESCA properties, there is community concern to maintain public access. Many people use the ESCA areas and adjacent lands of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for recreation activities such as hiking, biking, and equestrian activities. Access corridors have been established to assist community members in passing through the ESCA lands to reach open BLM lands while remediation is occurring on the ESCA lands. The Fort Ord Reuse Authority is developing signs to mark these corridors. Mr. Cook concluded his portion of the presentation by noting the upcoming meetings and events related to the ESCA project.

There was no comment on the presentation.

**Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Report**

Ms. Stone, Executive Director of the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network (FOEJN) provided a presentation. She noted that FOEJN has established a dialogue with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. FOEJN is the recipient of an Environmental Protection Agency Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). Ms. Stone explained the purpose of FOEJN. She also expressed FOEJN's concerns with dust in the air caused by the Army's actions.

There were no questions regarding this presentation.

**Fort Ord Community Advisor Group (CAG) Report**

Mr. Richard Bailey provided an overview of the CAG. The CAG is concerned with munitions but is also very concerned about activities and cleanup related to the landfill.

Specifically, the CAG is concerned with water moving into the landfill from the edges and the potential that toxins could be moved into the soil. CAG is also concerned with the Army placing the Site 39 soils on top of the landfill.

Ms. Youngblood added that the cleanup web site, [www.FortOrdCleanup.com](http://www.FortOrdCleanup.com), contains cleanup information including technical reports and analysis. This web site can be searched using Google. If there are any questions about the project or about how to find information, she suggested that community members call the Fort Ord cleanup office at 831-393-1284.

There were no questions regarding this presentation.

#### **Open Forum**

Ms. Stone requested that the Army schedule a Town Hall forum dedicated to the proposed prescribed burns. She also noted difficulty updating the technical reports. The Army offered to update the reports at the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network office.

#### **BRAC Cleanup Team**

Meeting minutes from recent BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meetings were available at this meeting. They are also available in the Administrative Record, at the information repositories, and can be downloaded from [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com).

#### **Closing the Loop**

There was one outstanding question from the April 9, 2008 Community Involvement Workshop regarding ESCA insurance. The response is provided as an addendum for the April 9, 2008 Community Involvement Workshop summary notes. The response is as follows: The insurance product placed for the FORA ESCA Remediation Program (RP) is an all encompassing program that includes coverage for the cost of remediation and other related insurance program costs. For the FORA ESCA RP, the \$82 million insurance policy/premium will cover all expected costs for known cleanup as well as unknown costs up to a limit of \$128 million.

#### **What Happens Next**

The following, upcoming events were noted:

Technical Review Committee July 10, 2008

August 15-16, 2008 – Information Booth at the Monterey County Fair

Community Involvement Workshop October 9, 2008

Technical Review Committee, October 10, 2008

#### **Open House**

An informal gathering of the attendees was held. The workshop was closed.

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# DOCUMENT UPDATE

The Document Update is designed to assist community members in reviewing recently released documents related to the cleanup activities at the former Fort Ord. The Document Update is produced monthly and indicates public review dates (if applicable), document release dates, and also includes a summary of each document. Documents available for public information, review and comment are located in the Fort Ord Administrative Record (AR) office and the CSUMB Library (CSUMB) Information Repository. Some documents are also available at the Seaside (SEIR) Information Repository, although there is a smaller collection at Seaside due to a lack of shelf space. Many documents are also available on the Internet at [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com). Contact the Administrative Record Office, located at Building 4463 Gigling Road (former Fort Ord) at 831-393-9186 or at [adminrecord@fortordcleanup.com](mailto:adminrecord@fortordcleanup.com) for questions.

Submit written comments to the following address: BRAC Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 5008, Monterey, CA 93944-5008.

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REPORT: Draft Final Post Remediation Risk Assessment Seaside Parcels 1 through 4, Former Fort Ord, California Revision C, (Shaw/MACTEC)

*Issued:* June 27, 2008

**Index Numbers:**

AR BW-2447E

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** This Post-Remediation Health Risk Assessment (PRHRA) for chemical contamination at Seaside transfer Parcels 1 through 4 (Seaside Parcels 1 through 4) a portion of Site 39 former Fort Ord, California, has been prepared to document chemical contamination risks following soil removal actions at four ranges within Seaside Parcels 1 through 4 as part of ongoing activities related to the investigation, remediation, realignment and closure of the former military base under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The results of this PRHRA will be used to facilitate the transfer of Seaside Parcels 1 through 4 to Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) for subsequent transfer to the City of Seaside. The City of Seaside plans to develop the Seaside transfer parcels as residential and mixed use development. Therefore, the goals of the PRHRA are to:

- Evaluate the potential human health risks and hazards associated with exposure to residual contaminants remaining in soil following remedial activities
- Evaluate the need for restricting residential land usage based on predicted risks to hypothetical residents from exposure to surface and subsurface soil contaminants
- Evaluate the potential ecological risks and hazards associated with exposure to residual contaminants remaining in soil following remedial activities.

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REPORT: Final Work Plan, MRS-BLM Burn Units 01-05 Munitions and Explosives of Concern Removal, Former Fort Ord, California, Revision 0, (Shaw E & I)

*Issued:* June 19, 2008

**Index Numbers:**

AR OE-0626L

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** The actions described in this Site Specific Work Plan (SSWP) are consistent with the preferred remedial alternative that was evaluated in the *Final Track 3 Impact Area MR Area MR Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Former Fort Ord, California* (Track 3 RI/FS, Mactec, 2007) and outline in the *Superfund Proposed Plan, RA is Proposed for the Impact Area MR Area MR Area MR Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Former Fort Ord, California* (U.S. Department of the Army [Army], 2007). The Track 3 Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in May, 2008. All actions described in this SSWP are in accordance with Track 3 ROD.

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# **Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup 2008**

The Army began site preparation activities in Units 02 and 03 in late 2007 to support prescribed burn activities, provided optimum conditions occur. Prescribed burn activities are currently scheduled for summer or fall, 2008

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**REPORT:** Final Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan Non-Remediated Areas, Fort Ord Dunes State Park (Formerly Site 3), Former Fort Ord, California, Revision O (Shaw E & I)

**Issued:** June 25, 2008

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AR BW-2279J

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** This Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan (HRMP) outlines the strategy and methods to be used by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) during restoration and monitoring of approximately two acres of non-remediated areas at Site 3, at the former Fort Ord. Restoration and monitoring will be conducted in two areas to further evaluate potential impacts to ecological receptors from exposure to residual metals within non-remediated areas ("blue zone" with 1 to 10 percent ammunition cover). This HRMP is based on the restoration methods described in the *Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan for Lead Remediation Area on the Future Fort Ord Dunes State Park* (CDPR, 2000). The objective of this study is to restore approximately two acres, approximately one acre each in the vicinity of SS-R5-1004 and SS-R7-1007 following restoration methods previously used by CDPR for Site 3.

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**REPORT:** Draft Final MRS-BLM Units 18 and 22 PRESCRIBED BURN PLAN, 2008 (Presidio of Monterey Fire Department)

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AR OE-0645D

SEIR OE-0645D

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** A burn plan is a set of intended activities to achieve a desired objective. Actual conditions during the event may result in a dynamic response and may require deviations from the guidelines which are set in the burn plan. MRS-BLM Units 18 and 22 were identified for prescribed burn implementation for 2008 or later depending on weather conditions. MRS-BLM Units 18 and 22 are two adjacent units located in the northeastern portion of the impact area of the former Fort Ord. The Army previously used the impact area for a variety of military training activities involving munitions and explosives. As a result of these training activities and vegetation having not been cleared from the area of these burn units since the base was closed, it is anticipated that MRS-BLM Units 18 and 22 may contain unexploded munitions and explosives concealed by dense site central maritime chaparral. For the surface and subsurface MEC to be removed from this site, the surface must be cleared of vegetation so that workers can access it safely. Vegetation clearance options were studied and results are documented in the Final Technical Memorandum – Evaluation of Vegetation Clearance Methods Ordnance and Explosives Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study/ (R/FS) Former Fort Ord, CA October 25, 2002 and Final Track 3 R/FS.

Prescribed burning is being conducted for site preparation for munitions response within the Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA). This action is part of the final remedy (including prescribed burning as a component of the remedy) that was selected for the Impact Area MRA under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The selected remedy is described in the Final Record of Decision (ROD). Impact Area MRA, Track 3 Munitions Response Site, Former Fort Ord, California, April 2008.

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**REPORT:** Report of Quarterly Monitoring January through March 2008 Groundwater Monitoring Program Sites 2 and 12, OU 2 OUCTP Former Fort Ord, California, (MACTEC E&C)

**Issued:** June 27, 2008

**Index Numbers:**

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AR BW-2466

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** The groundwater monitoring program at the former Fort Ord in Monterey County, California, comprises quarterly and annual groundwater monitoring within the former base footprint (including wells located in Sites 2 and 12, Operable Unit 2 [OU2], the Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride Plume [OUCTP], and others areas). This report presents information from the January through March 2008 quarterly monitoring event. A detailed discussion of groundwater monitoring results will be presented in the annual report of quarterly monitoring. The current quarterly groundwater monitoring program at the former Fort Ord includes the collection of groundwater elevation data to evaluate groundwater evaluation data to evaluate groundwater flow directions and the collection of groundwater samples for laboratory analysis to evaluate and monitor the extent of volatile organic compound (VOC) plumes associated with Sites 2 and 12, OU2, and OUCTP.

**REPORT:** DRAFT FINAL Summary of Existing Data Report Former Fort Ord Monterey County, California, (FOR A Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement)

**Issued:** June 25, 2008

**Index Numbers:**

AR ESCA-0083

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** This Summary of Existing Data Report (SEDR) was prepared by LFR Inc. (LFR) on behalf of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FOR A) in partial compliance with an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), which address cleanup of portions of the former Fort Ord in Monterey County, California. The SEDR provides a site overview, evaluation of existing data, identification of data gaps, Conceptual Site Model (CSM) including an initial assessment of risks, and proposed future use for each Munitions Response Area. The SEDR also presents conclusions and recommendations for further actions. Generally, the SEDR conclusions identify that a particular MRA falls into one or more of the following categories:

No response action or no further response action is appropriate

- Response action is necessary
- Additional data are required to fill data gaps
- Proceed to remedial investigation (RI).

**REPORT:** Report of Quarterly Monitoring, October through December 2007, Groundwater Monitoring Program, Sites 2 and 12, OU2 and OUCTP, Former Fort Ord, California (MACTEC E&C)

**Issued:** March 7, 2008

**Index Number:**

AR BW-2458

SEIR BW-2458

Online at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/adminrec/arsearch.asp>

**SUMMARY:** The groundwater monitoring program at the former Fort Ord in Monterey County, California, comprises quarterly and annual groundwater monitoring within the former base footprint (including wells located in Sites 2 and 12, Operable Unit 2 [OU2], the Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride Plume [OUCTP], and other areas). The current quarterly groundwater monitoring program includes the collection of groundwater elevation data to evaluate groundwater flow directions and the collection of groundwater samples for laboratory analysis to evaluate and monitor the extent of volatile organic compound plumes associated with Sites 2 and 12, OU2 and OUCTP. Groundwater monitoring activities performed during the October through December 2007 monitoring period were conducted in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Draft Final Basewide Chemical Data Quality Management Plan, the Project Health and Safety Plan, and the Draft Final Basewide Sampling and Analysis Plan.

