

Attachment 2

February 16, 2005 Annual Meeting Notes

Summary
Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup
Site Security Committee Meeting
16 February 2005
BRAC Conference Room

Chair: Karen Fisbeck

Attendees were provided maps and tables as attached.

Attendees

Wes Trescott, member, POM SJA
Lyle Shurtleff, administrator, FO BRAC
Bob Britton, member, POM Public Affairs
Clinton Huckins, USACE MPO MEC Safety
Marc Edwards, USACE MPO, Site Management
John Chesnutt, member, RPM, EPA (phone)
Andrew Cardinalli, member, RCI
Juan Koponen, member, USACE, MPO, PM
Gary Griffith, Parsons (contractor), PM

KEY POINTS:

- The Army will continue all elements of the current site security program through 2005.
- There were no reported trespassing incidents in 2004.
- There were three reported MEC incidents in 2004 all involving inert or expended items.
- The Draft Fort Ord Site Security Program has been distributed. Comments are due NLT 31 March 2005.
 - Documents describing procedures for access to restricted MRS, worker and visiting personnel and vehicle identification, and contingency site security operations are included for comment as appendixes in the draft security program update.
 - Specific guidance concerning the Army's conduct and monitoring of MEC safety and recognition training for current and future property owners as well as construction contractors involved in significant soil disturbance on Track 1 MRS sites is included for comment in the current draft site security program update.

2004 Site Security Update

Lyle Shurtleff gave an update to committee members on the Site Security Program, and recent cleanup events. A description of planned cleanup events was provided. The Committee expressed interest in an Army estimate for the completion of MEC removal on former Fort Ord sites. Due to several factors influencing the time required for planned and anticipated MEC removal actions beyond the Army's control, a general estimate of more than 10 years for the completion of removal work was provided to the Committee.

Discussion of 2004 Site Security Issues

The Army provided members with an example of a flyer that was developed and distributed by the Fort Ord BRAC Office in 2004 as a response to member's concerns surrounding a reported attempt by local youth to breach the impact area fence in vicinity of the City of Seaside in December 2003. The flyer was designed to encourage cooperation between local residents, community officials, and POM Police in increasing the visibility of the impact area fence in vicinity of Seaside, and influencing the youth of the local communities to consider the impact area as a dangerous place that should be avoided. Distribution was targeted to the Seaside community adjacent to the former Fort Ord.

Lyle Shurtleff described two incidents where the impact area fencing had been broken by accident and by vandalism in 2004 as indicating a need for continued vigilance on the part of project field workers, staff, area residents, and local law enforcement personnel so as to assist in the timely response and repair to important trespass barriers.

Lyle Shurtleff described an incident involving a delayed report of a 2004 MEC incident to the USACE MEC Safety staff. He provided that an informal investigation indicated that the unavailability of the single MEC Safety staff point of contact described on the report form may have contributed to the delayed report. In response to the results of the investigation the MEC Incident Report format has been modified to provide multiple MEC Safety staff contact points for reporting incidents. Other actions in response to the incident included a reminder to current managers of former Fort Ord land concerning the importance of promptly reporting suspected MEC items.

The Army announced a planned extension to the current MEC safety exclusion zone for pedestrians and cyclists in vicinity of Eucalyptus Road and Parker Flats Cutoff from the current end date of March 2005 until July 2005. The necessity for the extension is to provide for public safety while MEC removal actions, begun in 2003 within the impact area adjacent to the exclusion zone are completed. Committee members requested and received information concerning plans for public notification of this extension and sources for residents in the vicinity to get additional information on future exclusion zones.

Lyle Shurtleff described recent reports from USACE staff and contractor MEC safety personnel of recent incidents involving municipal service provider crews disregarding established protocol for transit of MEC safety exclusion zones and coordination for access to restricted areas on the former Fort Ord. The Army has that notified the service providers involved in those incidents and received assurance from their management that they will emphasize to their crews the requirement to coordinate with Fort Ord MEC site safety staff prior to entering and upon exiting MEC safety exclusion zones. Mr. Shurtleff described a letter outlining the requirements for gaining access to restricted MRS and recommended MEC safety training that has been sent to all local service providers emphasizing the need for coordination of work crews scheduled to work in restricted MRS or exclusion areas.

Committee Analysis of 2004 MEC Incident / Trespass Data

An analysis of the MEC incident data for 2004 was presented by Lyle Shurtleff as indicative of a continuing trend in the discovery of munitions debris and expended training munitions in the public land areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as reuse expands and land management operations continue. The likely contributions to this trend were described as the historical use of the areas by infantry units for maneuver training involving training munitions and devices, the increasing use of the areas by hikers, bikers, and equestrians, as well as the presence of numerous BLM work crews in trail improvement, weed abatement, and habitat restoration compared to other areas on the former Fort Ord. The types and locations of reported munitions debris and expended training munitions confirm previous Army risk analysis including known and suspected land use and the type and intensity of reuse. No other trends were identified.

The record of no reported trespassing incidents during 2004 was presented as supporting previous analyzes indicating a downward trend in trespass concurrent with recent levels of public awareness and other efforts by member organization, as well as improved Army management and physical controls. While the Committee was encouraged by the downward trend in trespass incidents, due to the potential hazard of even a single trespass in a restricted MRS, the Committee recommended the Army continue current levels of site security.

Identification of Pending Actions

The Army will provide to the Committee an analysis of options for implementation of a recommendation by a DTSC member representative concerning the monitoring of gang tags on range structures within the impact area as an indicator of trespass.

The Army will distribute to members of the Committee a description of changes to site security status or operations resulting from future incident analysis, property transfer, or planned MEC removal work in 2005.

The Committee was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for February 2006 on a date to be determined.