

Attachment 1

Summary
Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup
Site Security Committee Meeting
21 February 2007
BRAC Conference Room

Attendees

Gail Youngblood, Chair, Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
Lyle Shurtleff, Committee, Administrator, Fort Ord BRAC
Karen Fisbeck, Member, Fort Ord BRAC
Al Mack, Member, Presidio of Monterey (POM) Public Affairs Office (PAO)
Jim Laughlin, Member, Directorate of Emergency Services/POM Police Department
Judy Huang, Member, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Laura L. Belton, Member, POM Residential Community Initiative (RCI)
Roman Racca, Member, California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), (phone)
Stan Cook, Member, Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
Clinton Huckins, Member, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Randall Bevis, Member, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Monterey
Lt. Bob Nolan, Member, Marina Police Department
Chris Duymich, Member, POM Fire Department

KEY POINTS:

- The Army will continue all elements of the current Munitions Response Site (MRS) Security Program through 2007.
- There were three reported evidence of trespass incidents in 2006 with no injuries and no apprehensions.
- There were three reported Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) incidents in 2006. None were confirmed to involve Unexploded Ordnance (UXO).
- All known 2006 MEC incidents were reported and disposed using procedures published in the FORT ORD MRS SECURITY PROGRAM.

2006 Site Security Update

The Administrator provided Committee members an update on the Fort Ord MRS Security Program, recent cleanup events, and pending property transfers.

The Fort Ord BRAC members provided that on October 19, 2006 a prescribed burn initiated a MEC removal action on MRS-16 vicinity Eucalyptus and Parker Flats Roads. That removal action will continue into June 2007. A prescribed burn of vegetation adjacent to the City of Del Rey Oaks, vicinity of General Jim Moore Blvd. and South Boundary Road is scheduled in 2007 to begin a MEC removal in 100 plus acres of the impact area.

Current (2006) MRS Security Issues

The Administrator provided members with a description of ongoing site security issues. Those issues are:

- Restricted MRS security actions necessary in areas of interface between pending removal areas and transferred or transferring property.

- The mix of public safety agency jurisdictions potentially involved in MEC incident responses.
- Resources for patrolling and related enforcement of restricted MRS.
- Resources to monitor geo cache websites for indications of caches in restricted MRS.

A map of recently transferred and pending transfer property areas overlaid with restricted MRS was distributed.

Issues concerning multiple public safety agency jurisdictions in areas of planned property transfer were discussed.

New MRS Security Issues

Members of the Committee identified new issues related to Fort Ord MRS security.

2007 Safety/Security Exclusion Zones

The Administrator outlined a Army planned prescribed burn and MEC safety/security exclusion zones (road closures) for pedestrians and cyclists in vicinity of a planned 2007 prescribed burn and subsequent MEC removal operation (General Jim Moore Blvd. and South Boundary Road. Some members expressed an interest in information concerning plans for public notification of these exclusion zones. The methods for public notice of road closures related to exclusion zones during future cleanup actions were discussed. The POM Police member offered that lighted notice of possible roads closures should be in place one week prior to planned closures to allow the public to adjust travel routes. The POM Police will incorporate this procedure into future security plans for cleanup operations. The Administrator will ensure that the designation of exclusion zones is disseminated to the Committee as they are developed.

Change in Regional UXO Response Unit

The Marina Police Department member described to the attendees a concern reference a pending change in the regional Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) response unit. For many years, the 787th EOD unit stationed at Moffett Field, California has been the unit local municipalities were instructed to contact concerning suspected explosives or UXO on other than federal property. Beginning March 9, 2007 that response will change to the 60th Civil Engineer Command, Travis Air Force Base, California. The Administrator will research this development and report to Committee members.

Results of Prosecution for Trespass

A discussion of the consequences for trespass on restricted MRS was introduced by the DTSC member. The Administrator described most of the previous apprehensions of trespassers as involving minors and therefore information concerning other than related administrative actions is difficult to procure. The Committee expressed interest in disseminating available records of future trespass apprehensions to Committee members. The Administrator will research the best method to procure such information for the Committee.

Review of Recent Changes to the FORT ORD MRS SECURITY PROGRAM

The Administrator reviewed the changes to the FORT ORD MRS SECURITY PROGRAM that were implemented in 2006. Appendix G was revised to expand the responsibilities of visitors and escorts operating within restricted MRS and to include a method to be used to report suspected MEC located within portions of restricted MRS where a removal action has occurred. Such reports will be used by the Army to assess safety procedures and possible additional MMRP actions in those areas. After review by Committee members, the modified Appendix G was distributed to Committee members and posted to the administrative record as Change 1 to Appendix G in Sep 2006.

Status of Current Ordnance and Explosives Safety Alert

The EPA member asked the Fort Ord BRAC member if the Army plans to reprint the Army's current Safety Alert that is distributed to visitors and other users of former Fort Ord property. The current version was described as providing the POM Police as the agency for receiving telephone reports of suspected ordnance and explosives. The Administrator provided that there now exists a checkerboard of public safety authority jurisdictions across the former Fort Ord due to the distribution of property parcels to recipients under various public safety authorities. When the property is transferred, those authorities are responsible for initiating a response to suspected ordnance and explosives reported within their jurisdiction. The Army includes a description of the appropriate authority for reporting suspected ordnance and explosives on transferred parcels, both within the property transfer documentation and as part of ordnance and explosives recognition and safety training for workers and others on those parcels. In the interest of public safety, the POM Police have agreed to act as a clearing house to direct callers to the appropriate authority to report an incident on other than federal property. Therefore, the Army continues to distribute the current Safety Alerts which provides the POM Police phone numbers as the authority to call to report suspected ordnance and explosives. The Army will coordinate with the regional emergency communication administrator in an effort to determine if the current Safety Alert contact information for reporting suspected ordnance and explosives (Federal Police) can be appropriately changed to the 911 emergency number.

Committee Analysis of 2006 MEC Incident Data

The Committee members receive and provide analysis of historical and 2006 MEC incident data.

The Administrator provided an update to the Committee of the MEC incident reporting system as well as historical and 2006 data. The Six 2006 incidents were described as involving small arms, inert, and undetermined items (no MEC). All recorded incidents in 2006 were reported within the methodology described in the FORT ORD MRS SECURITY PROGRAM. In 2006 one recorded incident occurred outside an established MRS or related area. During the subsequent discussion, the Committee was alerted by the Administrator that recipients of Fort Ord property cannot be required by the Army to report responses to suspected explosives UXO that occur on their property to the Army. Therefore, some incident data may be delayed, unavailable, or entire incidents may be omitted from the Army's incident database. The Committee expressed interest in identifying a method to ensure the Army can capture appropriate data concerning MEC incidents that occur on former Fort Ord property. The Army agreed to continue to work with local and state authorities in an effort to identify a mechanism to provide for the capture of all incident data involving former Fort Ord property.

MEC incident data for 2006 was presented as indicative of a continuing trend in the discovery of Munitions Debris (MD) including expended training munitions and small arms in the public land and other properties as reuse and land management operations expand. The likely contributions to this trend include increased construction and reuse activities in areas historical transited by infantry units and other munitions transporters, those used for housing of soldiers stationed at the base and their family members, as well barracks and surrounding areas were training with expended and mock munitions and signaling types of pyrotechnics may have occurred. The types and locations of Munitions Debris (MD) and Discard Military Munitions (DMM) discovered to date confirm previous risk analyses including records of known land use by the Army. Increased redevelopment and municipal service expansion activities in non-MRS or related areas may correlate with an increase in MEC reports from work crews in those areas (one in 2003, one in 2004, three in 2005, and one in 2006. Further data points are required to define this possible correlation.

Committee Analysis of 2006 Trespass Data

The Committee members receive and provide analysis of historical and 2006 trespass incident data.

Historical evidence and trespass data and that reported in 2006 were presented. There was one trespass incident and two evidence of trespass incidents in reported in 2006. A comparison of 2006 with previous year's data did not identify any trends. The Committee noted a significant decrease in the number evidence and trespass incidents in 2006 from the 2005 total of eight. A discussion of possible explanations for the reduction ensued. The Fort Ord BRAC member offered that a reduction in the number of personnel involved in MMRP and related actions within restricted MRS from 2005 to 2006 may have reduced the opportunities for observation of evidence and trespass within those MRS. Other possible influences on reported incidents were discussed. They included the implementation of weekly barrier inspections in 2005 which initially identified several deficiencies that were attributed to trespass and have since been corrected. Also discussed was likely influence of a concerted effort by the POM Police to conduct more overt patrolling of restricted MRS.

Update on Previous Committee Recommended Actions

An update on the status of previous Committee recommendations was presented. (Committee recommendations that have been fully implemented and are not currently of issue before the Committee are not included in this summary.)

Photo Monitoring of Tagging and Graffiti

The Administrator provided a final assessment of the photographic comparison method of monitoring of tags/graffiti on range structures within restricted MRS as an indicator of trespass. Comparison of periodic photos of tags/graffiti on range structures has not indicated that tagging is ongoing within restricted MRS. The implementation of this process consumes security resources that the Army believes can be more productively applied. The Committee agreed with an Army recommendation provided by the Administrator to discontinue photo monitoring of ranges structures within restricted MRS. However, if tagging/graffiti activity is suspected in the future, the Committee will be alerted and the procedure may be reevaluated.

Enforcement and Patrolling of Restricted MRS

The Fort Ord BRAC member reported that the Army continues to work with the POM Police to identify resources for continuation of current enforcement including patrolling as well as to identify options for improving enforcement of restricted MRS in response to a suggestion by the POM Police member that resources and procedures for enforcement of no trespass areas, including patrolling, continue to be assessed and a suggestion by the CSUMB Police member that patrolling of restricted MRS be stepped up.

Removal/Replacement of Inappropriate Signs

The Fort Ord BRAC member reported that the Army is continuing an assessment of the removal/replacement of MEC danger and other inappropriate signs on Army property where a surface UXO danger is negligible (unrestricted MRS) as suggested by the BLM member. The Army intends to provide the Committee with an assessment of the need for public notice in those areas as well as a plan for the replacement or removal of existing danger/restrictive signs in those areas as appropriate in coordination with the BLM office.

Committee Recommendations for Future Actions

The Committee recommends that:

- 1) The Army ensures that designated safety/security exclusion zones are disseminated to Committee members and others as appropriate as they are developed.
- 2) The Army research the best method to procure the results of prosecution of trespassers in restricted MRS.
- 3) The Army works with local and state authorities in an effort to identify a mechanism to provide for the capture of data concerning MEC incident responses on other than federal property.
- 4) The Army coordinates with the regional emergency communications administrator to determine if the contact information for reporting the discovery of ordnance and explosives currently published by the Army can be appropriately changed to the 911 system.
- 5) The Army, in coordination with the BLM office, provides the Committee an assessment of the need for public notice on unrestricted MRS and, if appropriate, a plan for the replacement or removal of existing danger/restrictive signs in those areas as appropriate.

Planned MRS Security Actions for 2007

The Fort Ord BRAC Office will:

- 1) Implement the MRS Site Security Program as revised.
- 2) Implement the Committee's recommendations for future actions.
- 3) Distribute to 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 2007.

Adjournment

The Committee was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for February 2008 on a date to be determined.

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