

Fact Sheet

Fort Ord Munitions Response Site Security Program

Due to the long history of Fort Ord, many areas have been used regularly or intermittently for training involving weapons and explosives. This type of training often resulted in discarded and unexploded ordnance (Munitions and Explosives of Concern) that remains on those areas. Upon the closure of Fort Ord, such areas were identified through the examination of historical information and site inspections. Areas where the presence of Munitions and Explosives of Concern may pose an explosive safety risk were designated Munitions Response Sites. These sites were assessed for explosive risk, secured, and prioritized for cleanup (remediation).

The safety of the people living, working and recreating on former Fort Ord is the top priority of the Military Munitions Response Program. It is unacceptable if even one person is injured from Munitions and Explosives of Concern at the former Fort Ord, regardless of the circumstances. The Munitions Response Sites Security Program is designed to protect the public from Munitions and Explosives of Concern by:

- a) Removing Munitions and Explosives of Concern on prioritized Munitions Response Sites
- b) Restricting public access to high explosive risk Munitions Response Sites (restricted Munitions Response Sites)
- c) Managing access to all Munitions Response Sites to protect those who work on and near them from Munitions and Explosives of Concern
- d) Providing for public safety education and worker training by: **1)** providing examples of Munitions and Explosives of Concern for recognition, **2)** describing the procedures for reporting the discovery of suspected Munitions and Explosives of Concern, and **3)** explaining the need for Munitions and Explosives of Concern safety requirements including Munitions Response Sites restrictions and area controls.



With the continuation of the Military Munitions Response Program and property transfers, the area and configuration of some restricted Munitions Response Sites change. Portions of the impact area (a restricted Munitions Response Site) where Army Military Munitions Response Program is in progress or pending remain restricted and access is allowed by authorized personnel only. Those areas are fenced and posted with danger signs.

The Fort Ord Munitions Response Sites Security Program is dynamic and formulated to be modified to provide the most appropriate security measures throughout the life cycle of the Military Munitions Response Program and as significant events require. Updated munitions safety education for local schools is offered annually and training for workers involved in excavation on the former Fort Ord is available upon request.

The performance of the Fort Ord Munitions Response Sites Security Program is reviewed annually by a committee comprised of local law enforcement and public safety agencies. That review, as well as annual reports and related documents are available to the public online at www.fortordcleanup.com and in the Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup Administrative Record and information repositories. The Fort Ord Community Relations Office offers the public an opportunity to comment on this program. A summary of current security issues is offered regularly as part of Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup community involvement workshop program.

You can help the Army protect the people in your community from the risks of Munitions and Explosives of Concern by observing the access restrictions on former Fort Ord property and knowing the 3 Rs of Munitions and Explosives of Concern safety:

RECOGNIZE — *when you may have encountered a munition.*

RETREAT — *do not touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.*

REPORT — *call 911!*

Contact the Fort Ord Community Relations office at 1-800-852-9699 for more information. Para obtener una copia en Espanol contacte 831-393-1284.

