

**Detonations** of unexploded ordnance are required when a MEC (Munitions and Explosives of Concern) item is located as a result of a remediation action or incident and either (1) the item(s) is unsafe to move or (2) multiple high explosive munitions items are collected for destruction. Detonations are conducted as (1) blow-in-place or (2) consolidated operations:

- Blow-in place detonations are conducted when unexploded ordnance items are determined too sensitive to be safely moved.
- Consolidated detonations are conducted for MEC that must be detonated but can be safely moved to a central location within the impact area of the former Fort Ord. These locations are typically more than ½ mile from any homes or businesses. Consolidating items for detonation reduces the number of detonations required.

**Authorization** of all MEC detonation operations on federal property of the former Fort Ord is reserved to the Commander of the Presidio of Monterey\*. Currently that approval authority has been delegated to the BRAC Environmental Coordinator. **Preparation** for detonations includes consultation with Presidio of Monterey Fire Department and the project US Army Corps of Engineers ordnance safety specialist. **Notification** of planned detonations is provided to local public safety organizations and regulatory agencies. A detonation notification is posted in the [fortordcleanup.com](http://fortordcleanup.com) website and on the Army's cleanup hotline (1-800-852-9699, press 1 for detonation updates). Additional information for detonations scheduling is available through the cleanup hotline. Additional information may include the types of items to be detonated, the exclusion zone(s) for the detonation, the total Net Explosive Weight (NEW) for each detonation (most detonations are limited to less than 15 lbs. NEW), and a time period for the detonation(s). Detonations are conducted when all required meteorological conditions are met and the necessary exclusion zone and support equipment is in place. Therefore time periods for detonations are estimates and subject to unannounced changes.

\*Fort Ord Reuse Authority is conducting munitions response in portions of the former Fort Ord under the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) program. Notification of detonations of MEC recovered as part of the ESCA remediation program is provided by Fort Ord Reuse Authority.