

US ARMY FORT ORD COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Fort Ord Cleanup Program maintains an extensive community outreach program to keep the public informed about the cleanup activities at the former Fort Ord and provide opportunities for the public to participate in decisions before they are made. The Army works in partnership with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) Remediation Program (RP) to provide the community with information and documents for the entire cleanup.

Here's a summary of the major community outreach activities:

Fort Ord Cleanup Web Page: Increasingly, the Fort Ord Cleanup web page (www.FortOrdCleanup.com) is serving as a major source of information for the public. The web page not only provides current news, there are also numerous fact sheets available, and it is now possible to access virtually all recent technical documents in the Fort Ord Administrative Record through the website. It is also possible to search the site using the Google search engine. This web site also includes all Administrative Record documents related to FORA ESCA RP as well as notices for special events for the Army and FORA and links to the FORA ESCA web site. The use of our web site is increasing. We recorded over 1,000 visits to the web site each month.

Community Involvement Workshops: Fort Ord hosts quarterly workshops that are open to anyone in the community. The Army provides briefings on current topics and upcoming decisions. The public has the opportunity to provide input and request topics for future workshops. An update on the FORA ESCA RP occurs at each of these workshops.



Technical Review Committee: The Technical Review Committee meets quarterly. Technical Review Committee meetings are targeted primarily at technical staff of local government agencies, although the public may attend. The FORA ESCA RP also participates in these meetings to provide project updates.

Public Comment Meetings: Public comment meetings are held in addition to the Community Involvement Workshops. These meetings provide an opportunity for the public to comment on pending decisions. In 2007 there were three public comment meetings to solicit community comments on pending Records of Decision.

Information Booth/Community Events: The Fort Ord Cleanup program sets up information booths at major community events such as the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Day, the California State University Monterey Bay Club Showcase, the Monterey County Fair, the Marina International Festival of the Winds, Earth Day celebrations at both the Monterey Institute of International Studies and California State University Monterey Bay, and Seaside's Night Out celebration. The FORA ESCA RP shares the information booth with the Army for many of these events.



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Door-to-door Notification: In some cases, when the former Fort Ord's immediate neighbors could be directly affected by cleanup activities, the Community Relations Program Office will provide door-to-door notification of upcoming events.

Open Houses/Bus Tours: Together, the Army and the FORA ESCA RP host bus tours of the former Fort Ord for community groups and environmental professionals interested in cleanup issues.



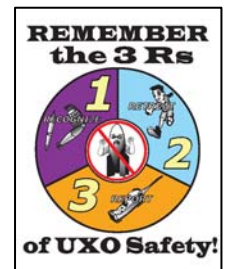
Presentations: The Army is pleased to make presentations to community groups. Please give us a call if your group would be interested in such a presentation. Last year, the Rotary Club of the Monterey Pacific took a tour of the Fort Ord cleanup as a club presentation.

Monthly Mailing: The Fort Ord Cleanup Office publishes a monthly bulletin with updates on technical reports, announcements about upcoming events, and other news bulletins. Each month, over 800 individuals receive cleanup information by mail and over 1,800 individuals receive this information by e-mail. The quarterly FORA ESCA RP newsletters and monthly updates are also included in the mailing.

Publications: The Fort Ord Cleanup Program issues an annual report to the community, usually in April-May of each year. The Program also issues occasional Community Bulletins, usually concerning particularly controversial topics such as planned prescribed burns, or other major decisions. Newsletters are also published throughout the year.

Media Relations: The Community Relations Office issues news releases whenever there are stories that could be of interest to the public. In 2007 the Army issued several news releases related to prescribed burns including: the opening of burn season, signing up for direct notification of prescribed burns, and blacking (small prescribed burns used to establish fuel breaks).

Munitions and Explosives Safety Awareness Class: As part of the Military Munitions Response Program, the Army conducts munitions and explosives safety awareness classes. Training is also conducted for all contractors or other workers who will be working on parts of the former Fort Ord lands where munitions and explosives might be found.



Information Repositories: The easiest way to access documents is on the web at www.FortOrdCleanup.com. Documents are also available at information repositories located at:

- Fort Ord Administrative Record, Building 4463, Gigling Road, former Fort Ord
- Seaside Library
- California State University Monterey Bay Library

For help in finding information, contact the Administrative Record desk at (831) 393-9186.

COMING SOON:

York School Munitions and Explosives of Concerns Safety Presentation for students, faculty and staff – August 27

Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Day – September 27

Orientation/Open House California State University at Monterey Bay – early September

Community Involvement Workshop – October 8

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