

FACT SHEET

Fort Ord Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol

The Army conducted live-fire weapons training on areas of the former Fort Ord throughout its 70+ year history. As a result, some areas of the now-closed base are known or suspected to contain unexploded ordnance (UXO) and/or discarded military munitions (DMM). While the Army has made considerable progress in addressing the potential hazards associated with these munitions remaining from training activities, much remains to be done. Through direction provided by Congress in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), DoD was required to develop, in consultation with representatives of the States and Indian Tribes, a protocol for assigning defense sites containing UXO, DMM, or Munitions Constituents (MC) a relative priority for response activities.

In response to this requirement, DoD developed the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSP) as the methodology for prioritizing sites known or suspected to containing UXO, DMM or MC for response actions. The MRSP uses a series of scores using the type and distribution of explosives, chemical contamination, and environmental conditions on each site. A compilation of those scores result in a priority number. The Army will apply the MRSP to known Munitions Response Sites (MRS) which are grouped into 22 complexes (FTO) based on Fort Ord's characteristics (location, type of removal action required/ future use / etc.) (map on reverse). The priority assigned will be based on the specific conditions at each complex, taking into consideration factors relating to munitions types, safety factors and environmental hazard potential.

DoD developed the Protocol through a collaborative process with the States, American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes, and federal agencies, collectively known as stakeholders. The process DoD developed for the Protocol's application continues to afford opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the Protocol's application.

Community members with knowledge of the use, disposal or storage of munitions on the former Fort Ord, and/or habitat, communities, resources (water/soil/air) or facilities that may be impacted by the presence of munitions on the base can participate in the application of the Protocol through the Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office. Community members may review the current status of MRS on the base and the draft Protocol Scoring Tables prepared by the Fort Ord BRAC Office for those MRS maintained on the Fort Ord cleanup website (www.fortordcleanup.com).

A fact sheet concerning the grouping of Fort Ord MRS into FTO complexes (Implementation of Department of Defense Munitions Response Sites Numbering System) is available at www.fortordcleanup.com. Interested community members may add their knowledge to the Army's current MRSP information, and assist in the development of the most appropriate prioritization for future cleanup actions by contacting Lyle Shurtleff at the Fort Ord BRAC Office, P.O. Box 5008 Monterey CA 93944, phone: 1-800-852-9699, or via email at: victor.l.shurtleff@us.army.mil.