

FACT SHEET

Site 39 Update - Basewide Range Assessment

Background

The Army is continuing to investigate the potential for chemical contamination resulting from the presence of ordnance and explosives (OE) and small arms ammunition residue at ranges and training areas at the Former Fort Ord (Fort Ord) California. The Basewide Range Assessment Program includes Site 39 and other areas of the former Fort Ord where training using OE occurred. About 200 areas have been identified as areas where OE or small arms may have been used during training activities. This assessment includes performing a literature review, field reconnaissance of areas where residue is suspected, and soil sampling. A report detailing the results of the literature review was completed in March 2002. The report is available on the Fort Ord Website and at the Administrative Record.

Basewide Range Assessment Literature Review

The purpose of the literature review was to identify areas at Fort Ord that require investigation for the presence of chemicals of concern (COCs) related to OE use and training and small arms ammunition residue (spent bullets). A total of 130 Historical Areas (HA) were evaluated during this literature review. The HAs not included in the literature review have already been identified as areas requiring further investigation. The literature review involved review of historical training maps, historical aerial photographs, range control files, OE contractor after action reports, and interview records.

Literature Review Results

The following recommendations were made as a result of the literature review:

- 33 HAs were recommended for no further investigation
- 74 HAs were recommended for reconnaissance
- 16 HAs were recommended for further evaluation following OE investigation
- 7 HAs were recommended for possible soil sampling.

Other Basewide Range Assessment Activities

Ongoing Basewide Range Assessment Activities include:

- Completing Reconnaissance at identified sites (mostly complete)
- Soil sampling at sites where residue is suspected (Work Plan in Progress)
- Characterization of ranges for remedial actions

Available Basewide Range Assessment Documents

Draft Final Basewide Range Assessment Work Plan and Contractor Quality Control Plan, Small Arms and Multi-Use Ranges, Fort Ord, California. July 2001

Literature Review Report, Basewide Range Assessment, Former Fort Ord, California, Former Fort Ord, California. March 2002.