

U.S. Army Community Outreach Update

Long Term Actions Underway:

1. The Army issued the 2021 community outreach survey in May. Survey will be accepted through June 30, 2021. See excerpt (right) from the Monterey County Weekly. So far.....26 surveys returned by mail and 67 returned via FortOrdCleanup.com.

TIDYING UP

The U.S. Army's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) office continues its cleanup efforts at Fort Ord, and is conducting a survey to refine its outreach program. Weigh in with your feedback to the Army.

To fill out the survey, visit fortordcleanup.com/community/public-survey. For more information, call 393-1284.

Recent Activities:

1. May: Responded to two community member questions/comments via the FortOrdCleanup.com on-line comment form. Topics included outreach and Agent Orange.
2. May 14: USEPA publication of final Superfund partial deletion for Fort Ord—after this is published in the Federal Register notification. Posted on web, sent updates to local jurisdictions. See excerpt (right) from Monterey County Weekly.
3. June: Responded to CSUMB request for building information.
4. 7JUL Responded to Associated Press inquiry.

GOOD:

Free (of contamination) at last. Well, at least partially. The **Environmental Protection Agency** has removed about 43 percent of **Fort Ord** from its **Superfund** list, according to EPA spokesperson **Mike Alpern**. The EPA's Superfund is essentially a priority list of the nation's most contaminated land. Built in 1917, Fort Ord served as a **U.S. Army** post until its closure in 1994. During its life as a military installation, the roughly 28,000-acre site was subject to contamination from petroleum leaks, a 150-acre landfill, military motor vehicle maintenance, firing range sites and unexploded artillery. About 12,000 acres of Fort Ord in Marina has been cleared of military munitions and soil pollution. Although groundwater contamination remains an issue the Army is working to address, the area is clear enough for the EPA to drop it from the Superfund list. Now, only 16,000 more acres to go.

Upcoming Activities:

1. Sometime in July: Associated Press to publish something related to the April site visit and briefing.
2. Tentative: Publication of Public Comment Period for Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Number 11, Amendment No. 1. Publication in Monterey Herald, Salinas Californian, and posted in News section of FortOrdCleanup.com.
3. 20JUL Technical Review Committee (topic munitions).
4. 11AUG: Munitions safety presentation to York School.
5. AUG: Initiate Outreach for FY22 Fort Ord Five-Year Review.
6. AUG: Tour for Naval Support Activities staff.
7. AUG: Send semiannual offer letter to schools for munitions safety presentation.
8. AUG: Send Annual munitions safety training letter to local contractors.
9. 3SEP Information table at the Monterey County Fair.
10. Tentative: 17SEP USEPA Award Ceremony (on Fort Ord) to celebrate (1) 2020 USEPA Award and (2) completion of partial Superfund deletion.
11. Tentative: 18SEP Guided Nature Walk.
12. TBD: October National Public Lands Day at the Fort Ord National Monument.
13. TBD Annual Report. Will include 2021 community outreach survey, Five Year Review Notification, and much more!

