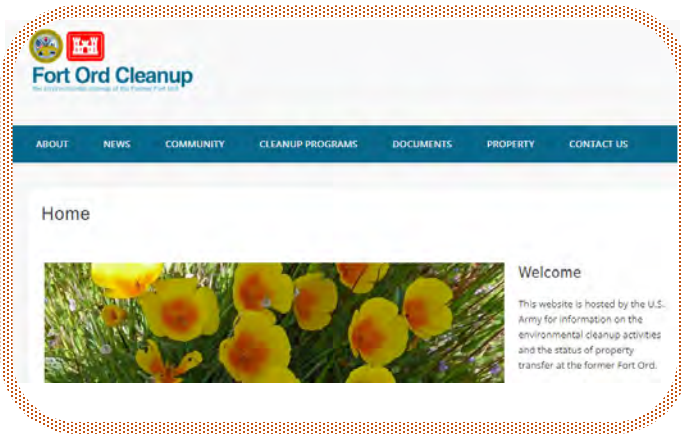


FACTSHEET: U.S. Army Fort Ord Cleanup Community Outreach Program

The Army 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 all stages of the cleanup process. The Army works in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and California Regional Water Quality Control Board to provide the community with information and documents for the cleanup program. The key activities of the outreach program are outlined in this fact sheet.



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 provides current news, fact sheets, schedule of outreach events, maps, and technical reports. It is now possible to access virtually all technical documents in the Fort Ord Administrative Record through this website. It is also possible to search the site using the Google search engine. You can send questions and feedback through the website.

Community Involvement Workshops and Technical Review Committee:

The Army hosts workshops that are open to anyone in the community. At these workshops, the Army provides briefings on current topics and upcoming decisions. The public has the opportunity to provide input and request topics for future workshops. The Technical Review Committee also meets regularly. Technical Review Committee meetings are targeted primarily at technical staff of local government agencies, although the public is also welcome to attend. Updates on the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement program also occurs at each of the Community Involvement Workshops and Technical Review Committee meetings.

Information Booth/Community Events:

The Army 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 / Student Orientation, the Monterey County Fair, and many local Earth Day celebrations. An annual guided nature walk inside the Impact Area is an opportunity for the community to connect with the on-going cleanup activities inside the Impact Area.

Open Houses/Bus Tours:

The Army hosts bus tours and open houses on the former Fort Ord for community members interested in cleanup information. The Army will also provide bus tours focused on the various Fort Ord cleanup issues for groups of 25 or more.



Hikers at the September 18, 2021 Guided Nature Walk inside the Impact Area.



Annual Report and Other Publications:

The Army issues an Annual Report to the community. Occasional community bulletins, usually concerning particular topics such as planned prescribed burns or other major decisions have also been issued in response to community concerns and questions. Fact sheets are also published and distributed throughout the year. They are made available on our website www.FortOrdCleanup.com.

Media Relations:

The Army issues news releases whenever there are stories that could be of interest to the public. For the prescribed burn program, the Army issues several media releases including: the opening of burn season, registration for the direct notification of prescribed burns and other information specific to prescribed burns.

Door-to-Door Notification:

In some cases, when the former Fort Ord's immediate neighbors could be directly affected by cleanup activities, the Army will provide door-to-door notification of upcoming events and/or construction activities.

Public Comment Meetings:

Public comment meetings are held as an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed remedial actions. The public comment meetings are part of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (also known as CERCLA or Superfund) regulations that govern the Fort Ord cleanup process. These meetings are held in addition to the Community Involvement Workshops.



Military Munitions Safety Awareness Class:

As a part of the Military Munitions Response Program, the Army conducts military munitions safety awareness classes for local schools on and near Fort Ord. Free munitions awareness and training classes are also available for anyone conducting ground-disturbing activities (e.g. construction contractors and utility workers) on parts of the former Fort Ord lands where munitions and explosives might be found.

Administrative Record and Information Repositories:

Fort Ord cleanup project documents are available to the public at the Administrative Record and www.FortOrdCleanup.com. The Administrative Record and Information Repositories are located at:

- Administrative Record, Building 4463 Gigling Road, Ord Military Community (www.FortOrdCleanup.com)
- Seaside Library
- California State University Monterey Bay Library

For help in finding documents, please contact the Administrative Record Coordinator at (831) 393-9693.



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