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# FIELD VARIANCE FORM

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 APPLICABLE DOCUMENT / SECTION:
 Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan, Interim Action Ranges Munitions Response Area, Former Fort Ord, dated May 24, 2011

 SUBJECT:
 Design Study Expansion Recommended for Northern Portion of Range 44 Special Case Area

#### FIELD CHANGE CONDITION:

The Design Study for Range 44 (R44) Special Case Area (SCA) (Figure 1) is progressing in accordance with the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan for the Interim Action Ranges Munitions Response Area (IAR MRA).

The following activities have been completed for the Design Study in the northern portion of R44 SCA:

- Field staking of transects;
- Brush cutting of transects;
- Near surface investigation of transects with the intent of reducing near surface clutter prior to Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) surveys;
- DGM survey of two 8.2-foot wide by 100-foot long transects in each of twenty eight grids;
- Processing of DGM survey data and target selection (targets were selected at and above the 50 millivolt [mV] threshold, which is based on the 37mm Projectile at the depth of 12 inches below ground surface [bgs]);
- Hand excavation of a select number of DGM targets; and
- Excavation and screening of soil from fourteen 8.2-foot-by-100-linear-foot transects to a depth of six inches bgs.

## Design Study Findings

Munitions debris (MD) from sensitively-fuzed 66mm, high explosive anti-tank (HEAT), M72 Series (Light Antitank Weapon [LAW]) rockets was found in 14 of the 28 grids containing transects (Figure 2). One munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) 66mm, HEAT, M72 Series (LAW) rocket was found in the transect segment in Grid B2J8J6 (Figure 2).

Design Study activities confirmed the presence of 66mm, HEAT, M72 Series (LAW) rocket MD and MEC in the vicinity of targets in the northern portion of the R44 SCA; however, the extent of the subsurface sensitively-fuzed munitions cannot be defined without collection of additional data.

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Design Study findings to-date indicate there is a potential for additional subsurface sensitively-fuzed munitions to remain in the northern portion of R44 SCA; therefore, expansion of DGM survey and target investigation in the northern portion of R44 SCA (Figure 3) to determine the extent of subsurface sensitively-fuzed munitions is recommended. The Design Study expansion will be conducted in accordance with the previously agreed upon procedures described in the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan and a modification to the target selection threshold as described below.

DGM survey and target investigation will include the following activities:

- Vegetation cutting, as necessary (Section 2.3.1.3 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
- DGM survey of approximately 8 acres (Section 2.3.4 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
- Processing of DGM data and dig list preparation (Section 2.3.5 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
  - Evaluation of the processed DGM data, including selection of targets and polygons to be excavated to define the extent of sensitively-fuzed munitions, will consist of a target selection threshold of 300mV based on the 66mm LAW rocket at the depth of 12 inches bgs in least favorable orientation
- Digital geophysical anomaly reacquisition (Section 2.3.6 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
- Excavation to depth of digitally reacquired anomalies (Sections 1.12 and 2.3.7 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan; target selection threshold will be 300mV based on the 66mm LAW rocket at a depth of 12 inches bgs in least favorable orientation)
- Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA)
  - o Blind Seeding prior to DGM survey in accordance with seeding guidelines specified for interim remedial actions (Section 6.26.2 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
  - o Known QC Seeding during DGM survey (Section 6.26.1 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
  - QC-1: Analog verification of anomaly removal at 100% of the anomalies selected for investigation (Section 6.25.1 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)
  - o FORA Third Party QA (Section 2.3.9 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan)

The results of the Design Study expansion will be included in a technical information paper.

### Habitat Restoration

General habitat restoration requirements are outlined in Section 12 of the Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan. A habitat restoration plan is currently being prepared for IAR MRA which will be submitted for review and approval. Monitoring requirements of passive and active restoration areas will be identified in the plan.

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Figure 1 - Interim Action Ranges MRA Range 44 SCA Design Study

Figure 2 - Interim Action Ranges MRA Range 44 SCA Design Study 66mm Rocket Findings

Figure 3 - Interim Action Ranges MRA Range 44 SCA Design Study Expansion





