

PUBLIC NOTICE

Superfund Proposed Plan – No Further Action Track 1 Munitions Response Sites
The Army seeks public comments on its proposed plan for 21 Munitions Response sites during a 30-day public comment period from September 15 to October 15, 2004, and at a public meeting on September 29, 2004. This Track 1 Proposed Plan gives a summary of work that has been done and cleanup decisions that are being proposed for a group of Munitions Response sites called "Track 1 sites" at the former Fort Ord. The Army publishes Proposed Plans for the public to review and make comments on before any cleanup decisions are made final.

WHAT IS TRACK 1?

The sites described in this Track 1 Proposed Plan were suspected to have been used for military training with military munitions. Based on the investigation that was conducted, the Army has found that either the:

- Suspected training did not occur, or
- Training did not involve explosive items, or
- Sampling investigations identified evidence of past training involving military munitions. Training at these sites involved only the use of practice and/or pyrotechnic items that are not designed to cause injury. In the unlikely event that a live item is found, it is not expected that the item would function by casual contact.

For these Track 1 sites, the Army recommends No Further Action related to Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) because MEC is not expected. The Army also recommends No Further Action related to MEC for any other suspected Munitions Response Sites that meet the definition of a Track 1 site at the former Fort Ord, using a plug-in process. In this plug-in process, the reasons for designating a site as Track 1 will be presented in an Approval Memorandum that will be submitted for public comment and agency approval before the No Further Action related to MEC site determination is finalized. This Proposed Plan also gives the Army's reasons for taking No Further Remedial Action related to ecological risks at the former Beach Ranges.

HOW TO MAKE COMMENTS

Please send your written comments to the following address on or before October 15, 2004:

Department of the Army
Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office
Attn: Gail Youngblood
BRAC Environmental Coordinator
P.O. Box 5004, Monterey, CA 93944-5004

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

Oral and written comments will be accepted at a public meeting on September 29, 2004 at the Stilwell Community Center, Building 4260, at the corner of General Jim Moore Boulevard and Gigling Road, Ord Military Community. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. Representatives of the Army, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control and California Regional Water Quality Control Board will be at the meeting to answer questions and listen to comments.

TO GET A COPY OF THE PROPOSED PLAN

The Track 1 Proposed Plan is available on the cleanup web site www.fortordcleanup.com and at the Administrative Record and information repositories listed below.

Fort Ord Administrative Record
Building 4463 Gigling Road
Room 101
Ord Military Community, CA
93944-5004
(831) 393-9186

**California State University
Monterey Bay (CSUMB)**
Library Learning Complex
100 Campus Center, Bldg. 12
Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 582-3733

Seaside Branch Library
550 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 899-2537

WHERE DO I FIND THE RESPONSES TO MY COMMENTS?

The Army will respond to public comments that are received during the public comment period in a responsiveness summary attached to the Record of Decision.

For more information or to request a copy of the Proposed Plan, please call Melissa Broadston at (831) 393-1284.

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