

Public Notices



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story Little Creek Munitions Response Site Prioritization

The Department of the Navy (Navy), Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic, is setting priorities for the munitions response sites at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story (JEBLCFS) West (former Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek) and East (former Fort Story). The Navy is seeking public input on this prioritization process. **NAVFAC will host an Informational Meeting at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Libris Meeting Room, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.**

Background: The Munitions Response Program works to reduce potential risks from unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM), and munitions constituents (MC) at ranges that are no longer operational, munitions burial sites, and former target ranges. These sites are referred to as "munitions response sites." The Department of Defense (DoD) is required by Congress to set priorities for investigating all munitions response sites. This site prioritization is based on the potential risk posed to human health and the environment, and overall conditions at the site. As additional data are collected the prioritization may be reevaluated.

Site prioritizations developed for each DoD munitions response site nationwide are inserted in a relative risk ranking system to develop the sequence for site remediation. DoD policy states munitions response sites with higher relative risks are addressed prior to sites with lower relative risks. Other factors, such as future land use, cultural and economic factors, and ecological impacts, can influence sequencing decisions.

Munitions Response Sites: Preliminary assessments for JEBLCFS munitions response sites have been completed. In addition the Army revised the prioritization of the former Inner Coastal Defense Range. These documents recommended the following sites at JEBLCFS for prioritization and further investigation.

July 2006 Preliminary Assessment, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek: former Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Skeet Range.

September 2007 Preliminary Assessment, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek: former Anti-Aircraft (A-A) Target Range; former Chemical Defense Range; former Depth Charge Testing Area; former 1942 Pistol Range; former 1944 Pistol Range; former 1953 Pistol Range.

September 2008 Final Site Inspection Report, Fort Story: former Inner Coastal Defense Range

April 2009 Army Memorandum for Fort Eustis, Military Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol Quality Assurance Panel Results: former Inner Coastal Defense Range

Public Input: Information regarding the prioritization or sequencing of these munitions response sites is requested.

For More Information

For more information about these sites or the Munitions Response Program for JEBLCFS, please contact:
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or visit the JEBLCFS Information Repository in the Virginia Beach Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library at 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach. Copies of the Preliminary Assessment reports have been placed in this repository for review.

To Submit Comments

Written comments on the prioritization process should be sent by **November 13, 2009** to:

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