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## **Corps of Engineers initiates ordnance removal in Arlington**

**ARLINGTON, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is beginning fieldwork to clear ordnance from the Former Five Points Outlying Field (OLF). The Former Five Points OLF covers approximately 162 acres at the southwest corner of Matlock Rd. and Harris Rd. in south Arlington. The Former Five Points OLF was used as a practice takeoff and landing field during WW II and was also used as a practice-bombing target. Pilots attempted to hit a target near the center of the site with Mk 23 practice bombs. The Mk 23 is approximately eight inches long and two inches in diameter. Although the Mk 23 contained no high explosive, they did contain a spotting charge, to give pilots a visual cue where their bombs landed. The spotting charge could still be live and injure someone if mishandled. Practice bombs have been found at the site in the past.**

**The ordnance removal work will reduce the risk of exposure to ordnance by families who live on or near the Former Five Points OLF. The work will proceed in two stages: a geophysical mapping effort, to record buried metal objects, followed by excavation of each of the suspected ordnance items. The geophysical mapping will begin in early May and last for several weeks. Excavation of ordnance items is scheduled to begin in August after collected data is evaluated and safety plans are approved. Due to the type of ordnance, disruptions to property owners and the community are expected to be minimal.**

For more information about the Former Five Points OLF, go to <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/fuds/5points/> or contact Gail Anderson at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1311.

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