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Ordnance removal at the future Bastrop school site

FORT WORTH, TX - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be performing a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) to clear ordnance on a 21-acre tract of land in the April to May 2003 timeframe. The Bastrop Independent School District plans to construct a new elementary school on the property, located near the intersection of Green Valley Drive and Tiger Woods Drive in Bastrop County, TX.

During field work for an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis of the former Camp Swift, practice ordnance was found near the planned school site. Construction activities for the school could unearth buried ordnance. The TCRA will reduce the risk of exposure to ordnance by the construction workers, teachers, parents, and schoolchildren. To protect the public during the TCRA, it may be necessary to block roads and evacuate nearby property owners for short periods of time.

The former Camp Swift, about 52,000 acres east of Highway 95 between Elgin and Bastrop, was used for Army training from 1942 to 1947. The area is now occupied by a Texas National Guard training site, the Lower Colorado River Authority, Bastrop Lake State Park, a medium-security federal prison, and private landowners.

For more information about the former Camp Swift and the TCRA, go to <http://www201.pair.com/paratl/swift/index.php3> on the internet or contact Dwayne Ford at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1390.