



Military Munitions Remediation Actions to Begin

Spring 2018

This fact sheet describes the start of upcoming military munitions remediation (clean-up) actions at the former Camp Fannin. This work is being performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and its contractors under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). Investigation and removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) will begin during summer 2018.

Site History

The Former Camp Fannin FUDS comprises approximately 14,093 acres and is located in Smith County, approximately 6 miles northeast of Tyler, Texas. All properties within the Former Camp Fannin FUDS boundary are currently privately owned. Three munitions response sites (MRSs) are being actively cleaned up:

- 2.36-Inch Rocket Area MRS
- 60-Millimeter (MM) Mortar Area MRS
- 60/81-MM Mortar Area MRS

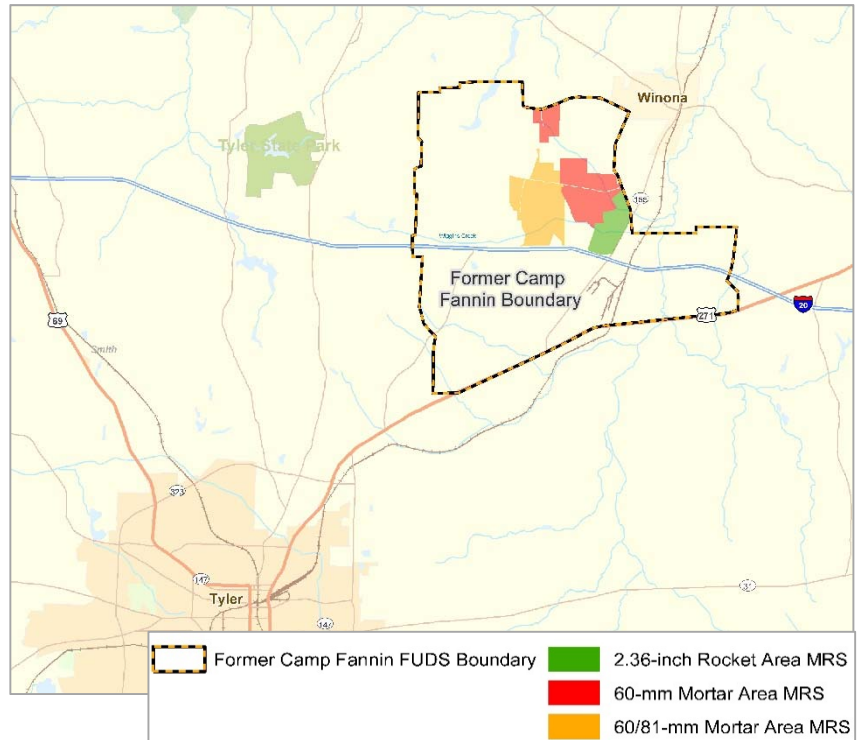
The remedial actions will address potential MEC hazards resulting from training range activities that occurred from 1942 through 1946. The objective of the clean-up is to minimize the potential for people to come into direct contact with MEC on the ground surface (or underground to the extent that people would be likely to contact it) during use of the area for residential, recreational, light commercial, and/or agricultural purposes.

The approaches for how to address MEC at each site were selected in 2017 following a series of investigations, analysis, and public meetings. The approach for all three areas includes surface and subsurface removal of MEC, as well as conducting educational awareness of MEC.

2.36-Inch Rocket Area MRS

The 2.36-Inch Rocket Area MRS comprises 326 acres of the former range complex where MEC and munitions debris (MD), primarily related to 2.36-inch rockets, were found. This site includes an apparent burial pit and berm containing large concentrations of 2.36-inch rocket-related MD and .30-caliber small arms ammunition.

Clean-up will involve removing MEC from all accessible land surfaces of the 326 acres. MEC will also be removed



from the subsurface up to 2 feet deep from approximately 47 acres of agricultural plots, cleared areas and land slated for future development. The burial pit and berm will be excavated and sifted to remove MEC.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler

Room G3207 (Academic Building 3rd floor)

11937 US Highway 271

Tyler, TX 75708

USACE will present information on upcoming clean-up work, followed by time for questions and discussion.

60-MM Mortar Area MRS

The 60-MM Mortar Area MRS consists of approximately 775 acres located in the southwestern portion of the former Camp Fannin. MEC items previously found on the ground surface and subsurface have included: 60-MM mortars, 81-MM mortars, 105-MM projectiles, and hand-grenade cups and spoons.

Clean-up will consist of removing MEC from all accessible land surfaces. MEC also will be removed from the subsurface up to 1 foot deep across 392 acres of agricultural plots, cleared land and land slated for future development.

60/81-MM Mortar Area MRS

The 60/81-MM Mortar Area MRS consists of approximately 784 acres. MEC items previously found on the ground surface and subsurface have included: 60-MM mortars, 81-MM mortars, 105-MM projectiles, and hand-grenade cups and spoons.

Clean-up will consist of removing MEC from all accessible land surfaces. MEC also will be removed from the subsurface up to 2 feet deep on approximately 141 acres of agricultural plots and cleared land.

Educational Awareness

The cleanup decision for all sites includes educational awareness for landowners and anyone from the public who could potentially access the sites. Educational awareness includes what to do if you think you may have encountered MEC. **Safety is the highest priority!**

RECOGNIZE – You may have found a munition. It may not look like one, but it could still be dangerous.

RETREAT – Mark the spot on the surface and carefully leave the area.

REPORT – Call 911, providing as much specific information as possible so the munitions experts can respond.



Munitions found at the former Camp Fannin.

Munitions may be rusty, colored or not, or in pieces.

They can still be dangerous – do NOT touch them!

Stay SAFE and FOLLOW the 3Rs.

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