



RANGE INVENTORY

ARMY RANGE INVENTORY PROGRAM



The Army Range Inventory Program, initiated in 2000, was a comprehensive effort to collect range and munitions site data to satisfy the requirements and concerns of the Department of Defense Directives 4715.11/12, Senate Report 106-50 (SR 106-50), and the Management Guidance for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). The fiscal year 2002 Defense Authorization Act required the services to develop an inventory of all defense sites known or suspected to contain unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM), and/or munitions constituents (MC). This caused the Army to expand its inventory of non-operational ranges to include all sites with munitions, including disposal sites. In 2003, the

Army completed its inventory and is using this information as a basis for cost estimates of UXO, DMM, and MC cleanup responses, as well as supporting the operational range sustainment program.

The U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) was the program manager for the Army Range Inventory. USAEC implemented the inventory in support to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Office of the Director Environmental Programs, and in coordination with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Base Realignment and Closure Office, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

INVENTORY DATA COLLECTION OCCURRED IN THREE PHASES

During Phase 1, USAEC provided an electronic survey to major Army commands and installations to obtain summary level data for all closed, transferring, transferred, and operational ranges. USAEC collected this summary data between September – December 2000 and provided it to DoD in January 2001 to estimate the potential costs of munitions responses.

For more information

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During the Phase 2 Inventory, conducted between 2002-2003, USAEC collected detailed information about operational ranges from all Army installations worldwide. Over 10,500 ranges, covering approximately 15.2 million acres, were inventoried. Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the Army initiated its operational range inventory sustainment (ORIS) program. This program includes an update of each installation's operational range data on a 5-year cycle.

During Phase 3, the Army collected data on former ranges and defense sites from October 2001 to December 2003. The Phase 3 inventory found for:

- (1) active installations: 950 sites, 2.9 million acres;
- (2) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) installations: 220 sites, 200,000 acres; and
- (3) Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS): 1,178 sites, 25 million acres.

The Army is using this data to form the basis for the Military Munitions Response Program under the DERP.

