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U.S. Army Fort Wingate Depot Activity announces possible disposal actions

FORT WORTH, Texas - Contractors working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are conducting munitions response operations at the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) that may necessitate the destruction of munitions and explosives of concern on and off the installation. These clearing operations will not occur in populated areas and are being conducted under a New Mexico Environment Department permit issued to the Army in December 2005. The permit defines the requirements necessary for the cleanup of environmental contamination, munitions and explosives at FWDA before property can be transferred to the Department of the Interior. The permit requires extensive consultation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pueblo of Zuni and the Navajo Nation as the tribes will ultimately receive any land the Army transfers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Members of the public may hear or see infrequent explosions beginning August 18, 2008 in areas on and off of the FWDA where these types of operations normally do not occur. Demolition operations may last through November 2008. All applicable explosive safety rules and regulations will be followed to ensure public safety. Additional information may be obtained from:

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