



U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers

## Site Inspections of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a large-scale effort to assess safety and environmental hazards at Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) that may contain military munitions. FUDS were used by the military to train Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines, as well as to test new weapons and warfare capabilities. After wartime, many of these properties were no longer needed, and they were cleaned up according to the best practices available at the time and then transferred to other landowners.



The Corps is conducting the assessments, called site inspections, to meet the requirements of a law passed in January 2002. This law requires the Department of Defense to look at potential risks to human health and the environment from unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and munitions constituents (material inside the munitions).

The site inspection objectives are to:

- determine if the site poses a significant threat and whether a detailed investigation is needed;
- determine if an immediate response is needed; and,
- collect data that will be used to prioritize the site for future cleanup action, if required.

The Corps is overseeing private contractors who will conduct the site inspections. The work will include reviewing historical documents, conducting site visits and interviews, and, in some cases, collecting samples and conducting geophysical surveys. The local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts are coordinating site inspection activities with State environmental agencies.

For more information about

(1) the FUDS program, visit the Web at : [https://eko.usace.army.mil/usacecop/pub/ecop/what\\_we\\_do/fuds/](https://eko.usace.army.mil/usacecop/pub/ecop/what_we_do/fuds/);

(2) explosives safety, visit <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/Explosives/UXOSafety/>; and

(3) the military munitions program, visit <http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil>.

Because many FUDS are now private property, public cooperation is key:

- Rights of entry needed from property owner;
- Interviews to gain information about military items previously found
- Contact the nearest U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office if you have any information about FUDS in your area