

Welcome to the Tongue Point Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) web site we have established to keep you informed about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers efforts to conduct the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Investigation (SI).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating FUDS that had historically been used for military activities and training. One of these sites, the former Tongue Point small arms range is located in Clatsop County on the Columbia River near Astoria.

The former range, located now on a National Wildlife Preserve, was used for small arms (pistol, rifle, shotgun, etc.) target practice. The land, acquired by the US Navy in 1921 was developed starting in 1939 into a Naval Air Station. During the war, NAS Tongue Point served as a base for seaplanes. In 1946, the base was used for the Columbia River Group of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. Activities at the base focused on ship deactivation, preservation, moorage, and periodic ship overhauls until 1962 at which time all ships berthed there were removed. The Navy declared the property excess and transferred the ownership to the General Services Administration (GSA). At the present time various tenants include Department of Labor, and the Division of Public Lands.

The Corps will do the evaluation by conducting a MMRP SI. The SI will be conducted by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of the former small arms range. Inspections may also include soil and/or water sampling and an ensuing analysis for contaminants.

The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during small arms training. The Corps of Engineers routinely inspects and evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or munitions according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting the property owners of the former small arms range. If you have ideas that would make this web site more useful to you, please let us know.

You're invited to E-mail your comments or questions to the Seattle District, Port Angeles Combat Range Project Manager: richard.w.wilson@usace.army.mil.