

White Paper

Munitions Response Inventory Reconciliation

Issue: Reconciliation of the Department of Defense (DoD) Munitions Response Inventory with information on munitions sites held by the states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and federal land managers.

Background:

- Congress mandated that DoD develop an inventory of defense sites known or suspected to contain munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) or munitions constituents (MC). (See Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 311.)

- Defense sites include both munitions response areas (MRA) and munitions response sites (MRS) that may require a munitions response.

- DoD has completed its initial inventory of both MRA and MRS.

- DoD's munitions response inventory includes MRA and MRS on:
 - Active installations and that are not on an operational range.
 - Installations undergoing closure or closed under Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions or through non-BRAC closure decisions that are not Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).
 - FUDS.

- States, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and the EPA may have information concerning MRA or MRS that is unknown to DOD.

Discussion:

- DoD developed its initial munitions response inventory and, by agreement with the states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA, will post sufficient information on DENIX to identify MRA or MRS.

- The states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA agreed to review DoD's munitions response inventory, as posted on DENIX, and identify concerns they have with the MRA or MRS listed or that should, in their view, be included but were omitted. This review should occur throughout each year, as resources permit. DoD will maintain a record of comments and their resolution on DENIX. Reconciliation will be achieved using the agreed upon collaborative decision-making process, to include tiered-partnering.

- DoD, at least annually (by September 30 each year), will update its munitions response inventory to include new information and to incorporate changes arrived at through the

reconciliation process. DoD will publish an updated inventory in its Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Annual Report to Congress (ARC).

- The cut-off date for inclusion of any agreed upon changes is September 30 of each year. Differences that are not resolved by September 30 of each year will normally not be included in the DERP ARC until the following year.
- When a new MRA or MRS is identified, completion of all DoD administrative requirements (e.g., gathering required Restoration Management Information System (RMIS) data, preparing audit quality cost estimates) is required before the MRA or MRS can be included in the DERP ARC.
- Failure to complete these requirements may delay the MRA's or MRS's inclusion in the ARC for more than a year.

MRC Recommendation: The states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA assist DoD to ensure that DoD's munitions response inventory is accurate.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- DoD will:
 - Make its initial munitions response inventory and any yearly updates available on DENIX to the states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA for review and comment. To facilitate review and avoid duplication of effort, information posted to DENIX will, at a minimum:
 - Provide inventory data for each MRA or MRS that identifies:
 - The MRA or MRS by state or territory.
 - DoD's points of contact.
 - A site name, to include any known aliases.
 - The installation's name, including any aliases.
 - The MRA or MRS location, which is provided as coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the site's centroid.
 - The county or counties in which the MRA or MRS is located.
 - Current landowners (e.g., private, federal, state).
 - A section for comments.
 - The approximate acreage of the MRA or MRS.
 - Federal Facility Identification Number for the MRA or MRS.
 - USACE's Property Number for the MRA or MRS, when applicable.
 - Provide a field for identifying sites not included in the inventory.

- Indicate any MRA or MRS:
 - Pending reconciliation.
 - Already being addressed under DoD Programs other than the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), such as the Installation Restoration Program
 - Indicate:
 - Property for which a decision has been made that the property is not an MRS or an MRA.
 - MRA or MRS at which a response complete decision has been made.
 - Provide a point of contact, as appropriate, for MRA or MRS (i.e., FUDS, BRAC, and active installations).
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- Work with the states, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA to resolve any inventory differences.
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- States, American Indians and Alaska Natives, federal land managers and EPA will:
 - Provide appropriate points of contact.
 - Review and comment on DoD's munitions response inventory.
 - Work with DoD to resolve any concerns with the inventory.