

A. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Army is in the process of inventorying all of its past and current ranges to support its range sustainment and munitions response programs. The Army is conducting the inventory in a series of phases, the first and second phases only addressed properties meeting the definitions of a military range. The third phase involves an inventory of closed, transferring, and transferred (CTT) ranges and unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and/or munitions constituents (UXO-DMM-MC) sites. This report documents the results of the CTT inventory for Fort McClellan Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and non-Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) transferred property in Calhoun County, Alabama.

Background

The Army is conducting the range inventory in a series of three phases to meet immediate, short-term, and long-term planning needs. Phase 1 involved a data call issued through the U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC) requesting general information about ranges on various installations under each U.S. Army Major Command (MACOM). Phase 1 was conducted using a questionnaire called the Advance Range Survey (ARS). The purpose of the ARS was to allow the Army to meet the short-term data goal of supporting the Department of Defense (DoD) response to Senate Report 106-50. The Fort McClellan ARS data were submitted to AEC and compiled into a master database.

The ARS allowed the Army to meet its short-term needs; however, the Army's long-term needs required a more detailed inventory of its ranges that was not achievable through the ARS. For management and budgetary reasons, the Army divided the detailed follow-on inventory into two phases: Phase 2 covers active and inactive (A/I) ranges, while Phase 3 is slightly broader and covers all CTT ranges and UXO-DMM-MC sites.

A Phase 2 inventory was performed for the non-BRAC portions of Fort McClellan. Ranges are reported to exist at the facility; however, these ranges do not overlap the BRAC parcels.

This CTT inventory is a comprehensive inventory of both CTT military ranges and UXO-DMM-MC sites. All locations currently owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by the Army and all such properties previously owned, leased, or possessed by DoD are included in this inventory. However, properties currently classified as operational (active and inactive or A/I) ranges or permitted military munitions treatment and/or disposal facilities are excluded. Closed ranges and sites are no longer in use and have no potential future use as ranges and sites, but remain under military control. A range or site is referred to as transferring if it is no longer being used and is proposed to be released from military control within the next year. A range or site is considered transferred at the time it is officially released from military control.

Properties that are owned by DoD but leased to other entities are not transferred. Further definitions are provided in Section B.

Initial pre-site visit coordination was accomplished by telephone and e-mail on 28 September 2001 to collect the CTT inventory data. Follow-up coordination occurred by e-mail on several occasions between October 2001 and November 2002. Site visits were conducted on 29 October 2001, 29 April 2002, and 22 October 2002. While on-site, the CTT inventory team reviewed historical records and interviewed appropriate installation personnel.

Project Drivers

There are several drivers for the CTT inventory, including Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), as amended by the Defense Authorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-107), federal financial accounting standards, and DoD guidance. The most important driver is the DERP. DERP requires an "inventory of defense sites that are known or suspected to contain UXO-DMM-MC" be conducted and completed by 31 May 2003. The revised Management Guidance for DERP (September 2001) created the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) and outlines the specific program requirements for the CTT inventory. Federal financial accounting standards require DoD to determine the estimated cost of cleaning up sites under MMRP and report this cost in its annual financial statements. A complete inventory of CTT ranges and UXO-DMM-MC sites will ensure that future financial reporting estimates are defensible and supported by accurate data.

Report Objectives

The objective of this report is to present the results of the CTT inventory for the Fort McClellan BRAC and non-FUDS transferred property. Although an exhaustive archive search was not performed for this inventory, historical research was performed to identify sites subject to this inventory, including locations, periods of use, the types of ordnance used, and other specific information regarding the site. The majority of these data were obtained by reviewing installation records and interviewing personnel at, or involved with, the BRAC property at Fort McClellan. Although the data presented in this report are believed to be accurate, they have not been verified by inspection or field sampling.

Project Participants

AEC is the Program Manager for the Army's CTT inventory. AEC provides overall management and guidance, identifies significant issues, develops and maintains the Army Range Inventory Database (ARID), defines achievable schedules and milestones, coordinates with relevant U.S. Army organizations, and reports on the inventory's status. The Project Manager at AEC for BRAC installations is Mr. Richard O'Donnell.

URS Group, Inc. (URS) is one executing organization for the CTT inventory at BRAC installations and properties and is responsible for conducting the record searches; gathering, compiling, and validating data; and submitting the validated data to AEC in the specified file formats. URS is responsible for completing the CTT inventory for Fort McClellan. The Project Manager from URS is Mr. Tom Sherrod. The data collection team leader for the Fort McClellan CTT inventory is Mr. Christopher Wieland.

Fort McClellan offices and personnel were contacted and interviewed as part of the CTT inventory. The Fort McClellan primary point of contact for the CTT inventory was Mr. Ronald M. Levy, BRAC Environmental Coordinator. His address and contact information is:

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