

# Military Munitions Response Program Fact Sheet

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA

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## *Introduction*

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Air Force is evaluating three locations on Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB) under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). We are seeking any information the public may have regarding the history of these locations in an effort to learn more about possible past uses that may not have been documented. We are particularly interested in information regarding munitions at any of these three sites or other locations on Elmendorf AFB. In order for us to use information provided by the public during a field investigation scheduled for late May, we would like to receive all information by **May 15, 2006**.

## *What is MMRP?*

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The MMRP is a comprehensive program that will address the potential health, safety, and environmental hazards present at former munitions response sites that were in operation through the year 2002. Munitions response sites are areas the Department of Defense (DoD) has historically used for munitions-related activities and are now closed or inactive. All designated MMRP sites have been found to contain or are suspected of containing unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM), or munitions constituents (MC). The program focuses on how potential munitions remaining on a site could affect people or the environment.

## *The MMRP Goals*

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The overall goals of the MMRP are to identify location, type, and to what extent munitions are present; determine the hazards to human health and the environment; establish goals and metrics to track progress; prioritize which sites require response actions before others; conduct necessary response actions; and transfer land consistent with the munitions response completed.

## *Comprehensive Site Evaluation*

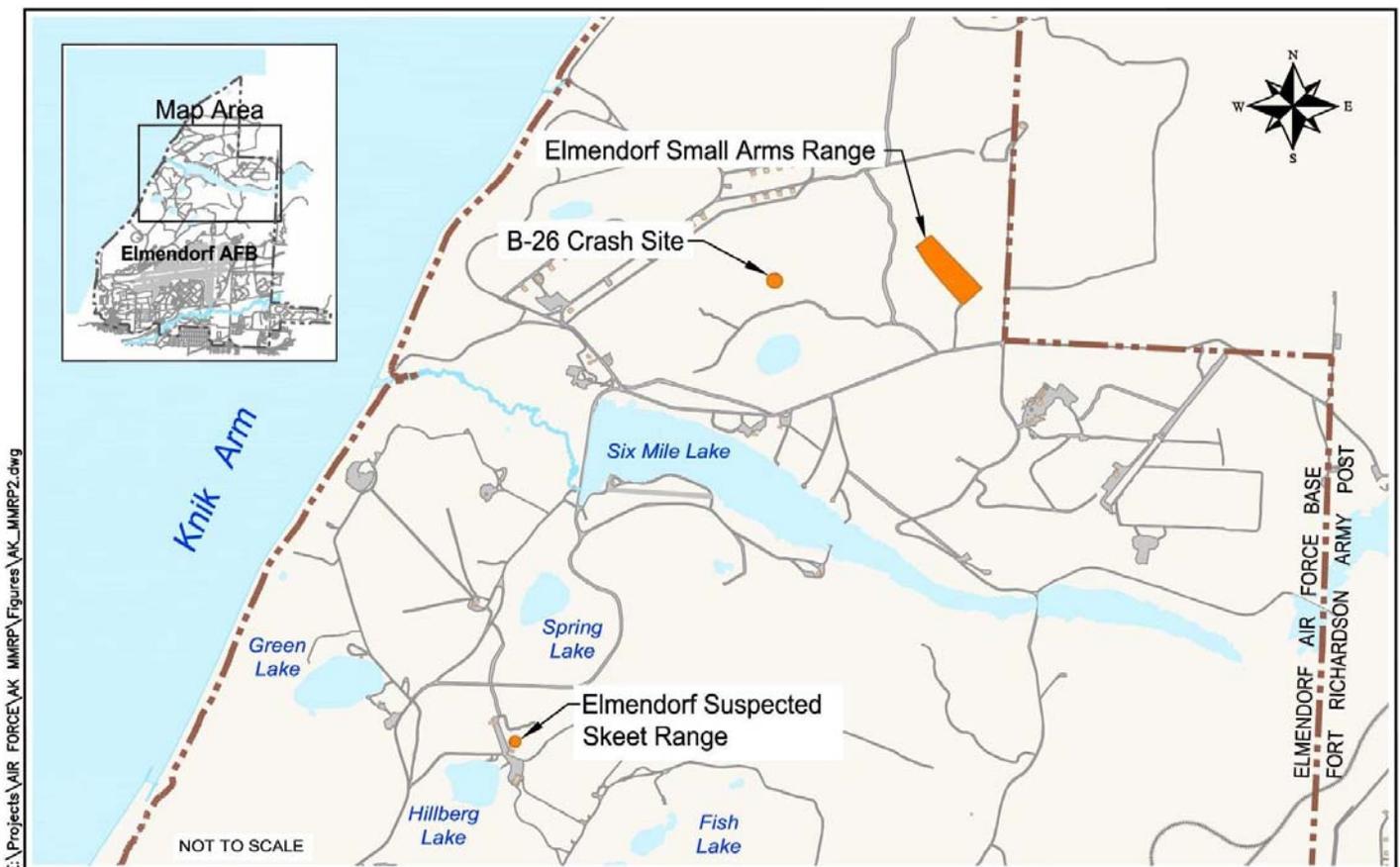
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The first step in the MMRP is the Comprehensive Site Evaluation (CSE) which is conducted in two phases. Phase I consists of historical record reviews, visual surveys, limited geophysical surveys, and personal interviews; and Phase II involves a thorough site investigation with soil and water sampling. We are currently initiating Phase I of the CSE in order to prioritize sites in Alaska for future work. Field work is scheduled for May of this year.

# Where are the Sites?

Elmendorf AFB is one of several military installations in Alaska included in the MMRP. There are three suspected sites:

- **B-26 Crash Site:** this crash site is approximately one acre in size and contains airplane wreckage. This site is remote and access is limited. Suspected munitions include .50 caliber and larger ordnance.
- **Small Arms Range:** this site is approximately 10 acres in size and was used as a small arms and grenade training range. The site is in a remote location in the northern portion of the base and has limited access. Suspected munitions include small arms and grenades.
- **Suspected Skeet Range:** this site is approximately one acre in size and may have been used as a skeet range. This site is remote with limited public access allowed. No evidence of munitions of any type has been found at this location.





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