



Military Munitions Response Program Fact Sheet

Eareckson Air Station, Alaska

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Introduction

The United States Air Force is evaluating three sites on Eareckson Air Station (AS) under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). We are looking for any information the public may have about the history of these sites in an effort to learn more about possible past uses. We are particularly interested in information about munitions at these three sites or any other areas on Eareckson AS. A field investigation is scheduled for May 5th through 10th. In order for us to use information provided by the public during this investigation, we would like to receive all information by **April 21, 2006**.

What is MMRP?

The MMRP is a program that addresses the potential hazards present at former munitions response sites that were used before September 30th, 2002. Munitions response sites are areas the Department of Defense (DoD) used for munitions-related activities and are now closed or inactive. These sites contain or are suspected to contain unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM), or munitions constituents (MC). MMRP focuses on how munitions remaining on a site could affect people or the environment.

The MMRP Goals

The overall goals of the MMRP are to 1) identify where, what kind, and to what extent munitions are present; 2) determine the hazards to human health and the environment; 3) establish goals and metrics to track progress; 4) prioritize which sites require response actions before others; 5) conduct necessary response actions; and 6) transfer land consistent with the munitions response completed.

Comprehensive Site Evaluation

The first step in the MMRP is the Comprehensive Site Evaluation, which is conducted in two phases. Phase 1

consists of historical record reviews, visual surveys, limited geophysical surveys, and personal interviews. Phase 2 involves a thorough site investigation with soil and water sampling. We are currently initiating Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Site Evaluation in order to prioritize sites in Alaska for future work.

Where are the Sites?

Eareckson AS is one of several military installations in Alaska included in the MMRP. We will be investigating three suspected munitions sites on Shemya Island this year:

- Alcan Harbor Ordnance: Approximately one acre in size located on the northwest end of the island.
- Upper Lake Ordnance: Approximately six acres in size located on the west end of the island.
- Open Burn/Open Detonation Range: Approximately four acres in size located on the northeast end of the island.

A fourth site, known as .50 Caliber Beach, has already been investigated; therefore, it will not be revisited this year.

How You Can Participate

If you or someone you know would like to provide us with information about these or any areas with possible munitions on Eareckson AS please call, write, or e-mail Russ Beck or Holly Brooks at Weston Solutions. If you are interested, we would be happy to conduct an interview with you or provide you with more information about the MMRP.

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