



Military Munitions Response Program Fact Sheet

Kotzebue Long Range Radar Station, Alaska

April 2006

Introduction

The United States Air Force is evaluating one small arms range at the Kotzebue Long Range Radar Station (LRRS) under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). We are looking for any information the public may have regarding the history of this site in an effort to learn more about possible past uses. We are particularly interested in information about munitions at this site or any other areas at Kotzebue. A field investigation is scheduled for June 12th through June 14th. In order for us to use information provided by the public during this investigation, we would like to receive all information by **May 22, 2006**.

What is MMRP?

The MMRP is a comprehensive 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). The program 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 is the Site?

Kotzebue LRRS is one of several military installations in Alaska included in the MMRP. There is one suspected munitions site at Kotzebue LRRS. This site is a small arms range covering approximately five acres located along the beach to the west of the former facility. It is anticipated that small caliber ammunition may be present at this site.

How You Can Participate

If you or someone you know would like to provide us with information about this site or any areas with possible munitions on Kotzebue LRRS 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 at your convenience or provide you with more information about the MMRP.

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Please Join Us

The MMRP team will be in Kotzebue from June 12th through the 14th, 2006, to complete the visual survey component of the program. We will be having an informal question and answer/information gathering session at 5 pm on Monday, June 12th at the City Council Room. Please join us to share information about military munitions in your area.