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## FORMER WAIKOLOA MANEUVER AREA N EVACUATION NOTICE

This is a public notification and informational handout concerning planned and on-going investigation and clean-up of unexploded ordnance (UXO) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for work being conducted in the Ke Kumu `Ekahi, Ke Kumu `Elua, Ke Kumu `Ekolu, and portions of surrounding neighborhoods of Waikoloa Village (Area P).

You will see many contractors conducting UXO detection and investigations beginning Sept. 4, 2018. The work area is part of the Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area (WMA) that was utilized for wartime training in the 1940s by the U.S. Marine Corps. The Former WMA identifies as a Defense Environmental Restoration Program, Formerly Used Defense Site (DERP/FUDS) property.

Several UXO were found during previous work in adjacent areas to include artillery projectiles, mortars, rockets, and rifle grenades which fired but failed to explode during training conducted for World War II. While UXO items can still pose a danger long after being left behind, the professionals working in the areas listed above are skilled experts in UXO detection and remediation. During the course of the operations, UXO teams will be using hand-held metal detectors and digging equipment to locate and investigate any potential buried UXO. If a potential UXO is detected, all appropriate safety measures for the protection of personnel and property will be taken before UXO personnel investigating any suspect UXO. This includes evacuating non-UXO personnel from within a predetermined standoff distance. The process is scheduled to begin Sept. 4, 2018, and expected completion by Sept. 7, 2018. Depending on the number of items excavated, operations and evacuations may extend through Sept. 14, 2018. Work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional coordination with evacuees will be made in the coming weeks.

Please make members of your family and friends aware of the future operation and caution them to avoid approaching the UXO teams and interrupting their work. All efforts will be made to minimize impacts to the residents of the areas listed above. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you discover an item that you think might be UXO, **do not** touch the item and immediately call the County of Hawaii Police Department at 911 or 935-3311. They will contact the appropriate agency to identify and destroy the item if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the planned clearance activities, please contact:

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