

Honolulu District in the Community: Safety Outreach for Makapu'u Lighthouse and Rabbit and Kaohekaipu Islands

Come visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers booth at the Waimanalo Boat Ramp Papio Tournament

When: 9:00AM - 5:00PM on Friday, September 21, 2018

Where: Waimanalo Bay State Recration Area - Waimanalo Beach

About

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District will be sharing safety information about Formerly Used Defense Sites, also known as FUDS, and the

3Rs of Explosives Safety (Recognize, Retreat, Report) for the Makapu'u Lighthouse area and Rabbit and Kaohekaipu Islands. Visitors to the booth will learn how to stay safe on land and in the water if they encounter potential munitions by following the 3Rs. The Honolulu District will be handing out 3Rs safety materials (pictured on back) and children can participate at the coloring station.

Background

Over the past 200 years, the U.S. military has conducted activities on various properties on land and at sea to train the military to defend our national interests. Properties that the Department of Defense used for these purposes and transferred before October 1986 are known as FUDS, of which there are approximately 5,100. Some of these military activities resulted in a possible need for an environmental response due to the potential environmental contamination and unexploded ordnance from military munitions that remain on FUDS properties. The goal of the FUDS Program is to reduce the risk to human health and the environment. For more information about the FUDS Program, please visit <u>www.fuds.mil</u>.

Notification and Safety Education Initiative

Given the number of FUDS, it may be some time before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is able to address the potential hazards. For this reason, and in the interest of public safety, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting notification and safety education activities designed to help reduce impacts to human health, safety and the environment until further response activities are initiated. To support this initiative, the Honolulu District is hosting a booth at the Waimanalo Papio tournament to educate community members on how to reduce the risk from explosive hazards that may remain from the military's past use of the Makapu'u Lighthouse area and Rabbit Island and Kaohekaipu Island.

If you have any questions, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District:

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Department of Defense 3Rs Safety Materials

