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Honolulu District



**Area 101**  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE

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## RIGHT OF ENTRY

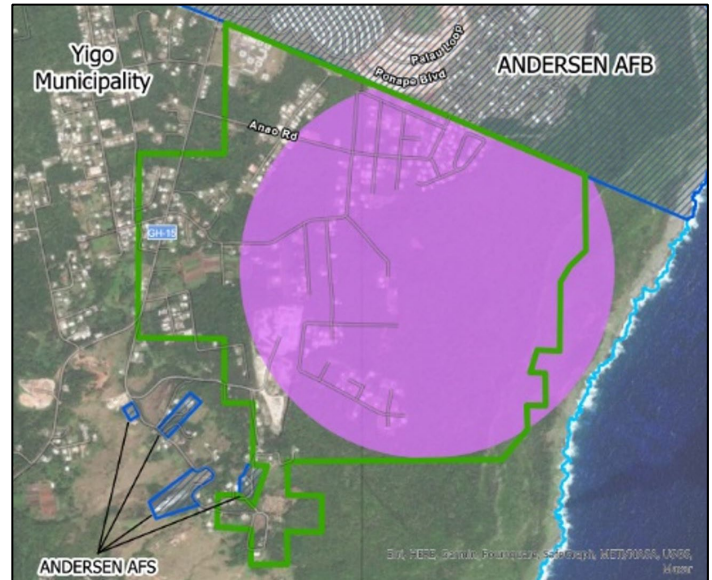
### Frequently Asked Questions

#### History of Area 101

The U.S. captured Guam from Japan in August 1944 as a part of its Pacific campaign during World War II. By April 1945, the 64th and 771st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalions occupied the area referred to as “Area 101,” with most of the site designated for use as the Army Garrison Forces Bomb Disposal. The 64th AAA Battalion remained on Guam through August 1945, and the 771st AAA Battalion remained through September 1946.

#### Why does USACE need a Right of Entry for my property?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working to determine whether there are military munitions present in the area as a result of the former use of Area 101. To accomplish this, we need access to properties in the area. Permission to enter your property is granted through a signed document known as a Right of Entry, or ROE. *(Image Right: Area 101 is denoted by the green border.)*



#### When will USACE seek a Right of Entry?

Property owners will typically receive requests for an ROE several months before USACE visits their property. USACE is currently working to send ROEs to the Yigo community. In fact, some community members received them in December.

#### What happens after I sign a Right of Entry?

Signing the ROE enables USACE to proceed in a methodical fashion in fulfilling its mission to protect human health and the environment.

#### What work will be done on my land?

A small crew of workers will walk through your property to perform a surface scan with a handheld metal detector. The crew will mark the sampling area with small flags if soil samples are needed. USACE makes every effort to work with the landowner so there is as little disruption as possible. When the crew is finished working on your property, they will leave a tag with the date and time of the visit on the front door. A phone number to call with questions or concerns will be on the tag.

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### RIGHT OF ENTRY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Do I have to be home to allow access to my property?**

If the work to be performed is in an easily accessible area or prior arrangements are made, it would not be necessary for the property owner to be present.

#### **When will the results of my property's investigation be available?**

The process to develop a remedial investigation report takes about a year and a half to complete. At that point, USACE will host an in-person meeting to review and discuss the project and its findings. The final document will be available at the Flores Library in Hagatna and the Robert F. Kennedy Library at the University of Guam.

#### **What if I choose not to sign a Right of Entry?**

USACE will not begin work on any property without a signed ROE. If too many property owners refuse to sign an ROE, USACE may not be able to complete our investigation. Deciding not to sign an ROE could result in the landowner becoming responsible for any contamination that may be present and the associated liability.

#### **What happens next?**

USACE will hold a public meeting to explain the work that will be conducted, how it will be done and what you can expect. This will be an opportunity to meet the USACE team.

#### **Is my property safe?**

Safety is our number one priority, so even if you haven't yet signed your ROE, please keep in mind the 3Rs of Explosives Safety — Recognize, Retreat and Report.

#### **Whom should I call with questions?**

Please contact the Area 101 Project Team with any questions or concerns about Area 101 or your property. We may be reached at: [FUDS\\_AREA-101@usace.army.mil](mailto:FUDS_AREA-101@usace.army.mil)



**RECOGNIZE:** When you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous. Munitions can come in many shapes and sizes. They can be rusty or look like new. They can be out in the open, hidden in bushes, or partially buried.

**RETREAT:** Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb the item, carefully leave the area.

**REPORT:** Call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

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