



US Army Corps
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Honolulu District

Sector 15

FINAL PROPOSED PLAN

July 2023

FACT SHEET

SITE BACKGROUND

The Sector 15 Munitions Response Site (MRS) is an 11,200.2 acre parcel of land, located in the northwest portion of the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area encompassing the areas known as Pu'uKapu and Kuhio Village. All historical information reviewed indicates that the Sector 15 MRS is within the historical Non-Live Fire Maneuver Area and, as such, no munitions training or munitions use has been documented. Several field investigations have been performed within Sector 15 starting in 1954 and ending with the most recent investigation in 2018 and none uncovered any evidence of munitions use by the military.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR SECTOR 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes that No Further Action is necessary to protect human health and the environment in Sector 15 because there is no evidence of use (NEU) of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and therefore no presence of the materials found in munitions known as munitions constituents (MC). The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) has reviewed all documentation and approved the Proposed No Further Action on July 19, 2023.

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

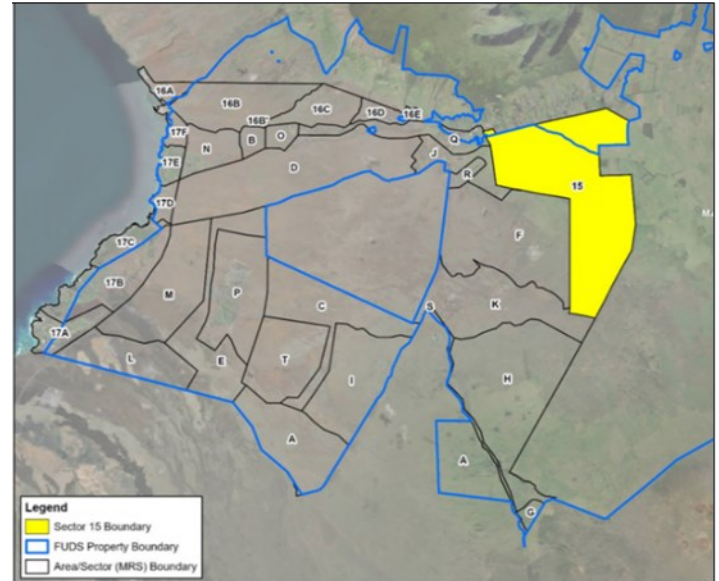
Although this area is within the Non-Live Fire Maneuver Area, a Non Time Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) was conducted in 2009 and 2010 to look for munitions, and if present, reduce the risk of potential exposure to MEC. A Remedial Investigation field effort was conducted between 2016 and 2018. During this time, 12,143 anomalies were dug to visually confirm the presence or absence of MEC. Only one MEC item was found. The origin of the MEC item is unknown but was determined to have been accidentally or intentionally buried and not related to military training.

A Final Remedial Investigation Report was completed in 2023 that reviewed all the data collected to date and concluded NEU as nothing indicated the site is contaminated with MEC from military operations.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The public is invited to review and comment on the Final Proposed Plan and the proposed decision of No Further Action during a 30-day public comment period from **July 24 through August 25, 2023**.

Comments can be submitted in-person, postal mail or email. All comments will be recorded and answered in the Responsiveness Summary of the Record of Decision.



FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS) PROGRAM

Throughout our nation's history, some activities supporting military readiness have resulted in the need for environmental cleanup within the United States and its territories. DOD properties that were transferred prior to October 1986 are known as Formerly Used Defense Sites or FUDs.

These properties were used for a variety of purposes, including training and supporting Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines, as well as to test new weapons and warfare capabilities. When these properties were no longer needed, many were cleaned up according to the best practices available at the time and then transferred to other owners such as private individuals or federal, state, tribal, or local government.

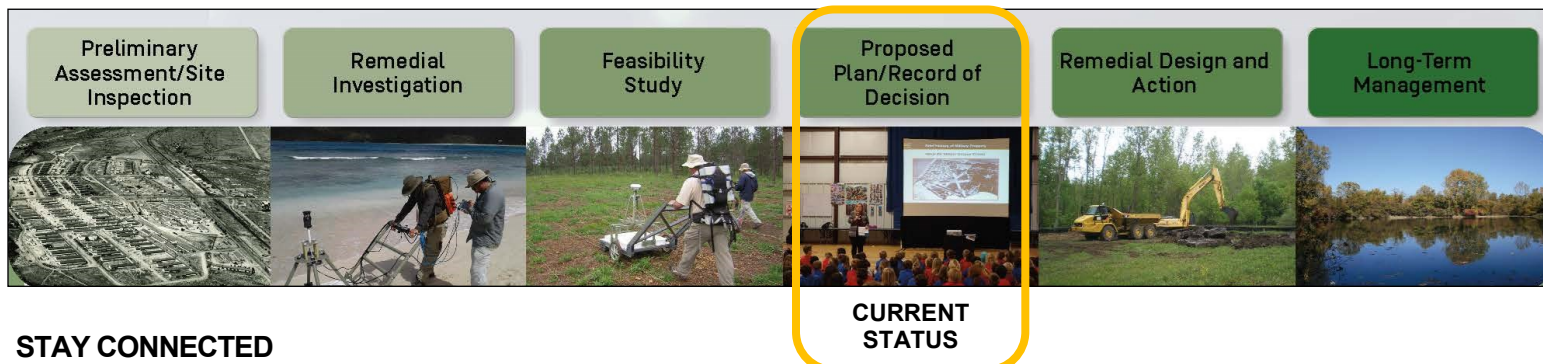
USACE is responsible for the cleanup of properties eligible under the Formerly Used Defense Sites Program under the direction of the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense. Together in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and in partnership with state agencies USACE is making progress at the Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area and is committed to the environmental restoration of lands due to past Department of Defense activities. A list of Formerly Used Defense Site properties within the State of Hawaii can be found at www.fuds.mil. A list of frequently asked questions can be found at: www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Formerly-Used-Defense-Sites/Frequently-Asked-Questions/

CERCLA PROCESS

Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) properties are cleaned up in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, CERCLA. The Waikoloa Maneuver Area is divided into **22 Munitions Response Sites (MRS)** comprised of 100,220 acres which are identified by project numbers. Every site is unique and in a different phase of the CERCLA process.

STATUS OF SECTOR 15 PROJECT SITE

Because no munitions use was documented during the Remedial Investigation (RI), Sector 15 moves from the RI phase to the Proposed Plan and then Record of Decision.



STAY CONNECTED

Join your local WMA Program Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to stay informed and engaged in the ongoing investigations and cleanup, along with how and why they are conducted. The next RAB meeting will be held in Fall 2023.

To receive updates regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers remediation efforts at the Former WMA, subscribe to our mailing list at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/vRjy2hl>



3Rs OF EXPLOSIVES SAFETY

If a property owner discovers a munition, or suspected munition, they should follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize, Retreat and Report:**

Recognize – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat – do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and

Report – **call 911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it. The police will coordinate with the appropriate explosive ordnance disposal detachment to address the suspected munitions.

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