

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - WMA FUDS Boundary Changes

Does all of the new boundary area have munitions on them?

The majority of the new boundary land were maneuver areas and not munition impact (firing) areas.

How can I find out where FUDS properties are located?

You can go to the FUDS Website – www.fuds.mil. Locally in Hawaii, you also can contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -Honolulu District and Waikoloa FUDS program manager at 808-835-4090.

What should I do if I find something that I think is ordnance?

If you find any item suspected of being ordnance, notify local law enforcement officials immediately. Note the location of the suspicious item, but DO NOT touch or disturb the suspicious item. Ordnance can be dangerous no matter how old it is or may appear to be. Always report ordnance finds to local law enforcement officials and do not touch it. Practice the “3Rs”: Recognize that any suspicious objects found in the area could be ordnance; Retreat, or carefully leave the area without touching or disturbing anything; and; Report immediately what was found and its approximate location to the police.

Who oversees the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in this cleanup effort?

USACE is responsible for cleaning up the sites under the direction of the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense. There also are lead regulators for each FUDS property, either the state government or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Corps works with all parties, including the affected public, to ensure that the cleanups are being conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

What is a right of entry document and why should I sign it?

A right of entry is a legal form that gives the Corps (and its contractors) permission to go onto your property for specific purposes, such as testing or conducting clean up actions. By signing this agreement, the landowner protects his/her rights and establishes the limits and responsibilities of the Corps for its actions.

What happens if I don't sign a right of entry document?

The Corps makes every effort to work with the landowner so there is as little disruption as possible.

If there is a known or suspected threat to human health or the environment, the matter may be turned over to a regulatory agency or the U.S. Department of Justice. In such circumstances, it is very important to gain access to a property to assess the situation and preclude migration of contaminants that pose a threat to public health or may cause environmental damage.

What happens if I sign the right of entry and then change my mind?

In Hawaii, the affected property owner should contact the USACE Honolulu District Environmental Office to verify if an agreement/change can be made. The right of entry is a legal agreement upon which the Corps and the landowner rely, and it's important that as taxpayer dollars are spent, both parties live up to their agreement. The Corps is committed to trying to resolve these types of problems as quickly as possible.