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Corps of Engineers Successfully Completes Public Safety Contract in Support of Maui County

(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 039-07) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has successfully completed a public safety contract to locate and safely dispose of old military munitions that were found at the Molokai Landfill in August 2007

To assist Maui County in ensuring the safety of community members and users of Molokai's landfill, the Corps' Honolulu District awarded a contract to American Technologies Inc. (ATI) through an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) for \$185,459.80.

In accordance with the contract, ATI surveyed the metal recycling yard, inspected all munitions debris to determine whether it was safe, addressed any explosive hazards found and safely removed all munitions debris.

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The contractor provided construction support and inspected and removed any munitions debris encountered during recycling operations of the County's metal recycling contractor: Schnitzer Steel Hawaii.

Other services under this contract included ensuring the safe disposal of any explosive hazards encountered, the disposal of all munitions debris determine safe for recycling and the preparation of a summary report.

Approximately 669 pieces of munitions debris were found, isolated, demilitarized, rendered safe and containerized for shipment by the contractor. None of them contained any explosives prior to demilitarization.

The containerized munitions debris will be transported from Molokai, through Honolulu to Long Beach, Calif. by Horizon Lines.

Upon arrival at Long Beach, the munitions debris will be transported to a metal recycler for final disposition (smelting).

According to Hudson Kekaula, Formerly Used Defense Sites program manager for the Corps' Pacific Ocean Division, "this is a great example of the partnership the Corps has with our local sponsors. We are proud that we were able to help the residents of Molokai and Maui County address this issue quickly and safely."

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The Corps always encourages people to learn and follow the 3Rs of explosives safety: **R**ecognize when they have encountered a military munition, and that military munitions are dangerous, **R**etreat - do not touch, move or disturb the munition, and move away from the area, **R**eport it to local law enforcement authorities.

Should anyone encounter or suspect that they have encountered a munition, they should follow the 3Rs of explosives safety and not touch, disturb or move it, but move away and notify local law enforcement.

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