

**BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) PROGRAM**  
**PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**16 March 1998**

**1. SITE NAME:** Fort Ord, CA

LOCATION:

City: Monterey  
County: Monterey  
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: CA-FORD-001-SPK

CATEGORY: OE

**2. POC'S:**

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:** Fort Ord occupies approximately 28,000 acres adjacent to Monterey Bay and the cities of Marina, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Monterey. There are two basic types of property from which OEW will be removed:

a. Impact Area--Approximately 8,000 acres.

b. Inland Training Areas--Approximately 1,800 acres (based on the Basic and Addendum OEW Archives Search Reports (ASR's)).

**4. SITE HISTORY:** Fort Ord was established in 1917 when the Government purchased 15,809 acres near what is now East Garrison. Fort Ord was used as a maneuver area and field target range for the 11th Cavalry and the 76th Field Artillery, which were then stationed at the Presidio of Monterey. In 1933, the reservation was designated Camp Ord and except for a well and caretaker's house and a few bivouac sites, no improvements were made until 1938 when permanent buildings were constructed. In August 1940,

Camp Ord was designated Fort Ord and the post was expanded by more than 20,000 acres. The 7th Infantry Division was the first major organization to occupy Fort Ord. During World War II, the post served as a staging area for many fighting divisions and units. Following WWII, Fort Ord became the home of the 4th Infantry Division and in 1957, the post was designated United States Army Training Center, Infantry. In 1974, the training center was deactivated and the 7th Infantry Division occupied the installation where it remained until 1993.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In August-October 1993, St. Louis District (CELMS) performed an OEW Archives Search and identified 21 potentially-contaminated sites outside of the Impact Area. The locations of these sites are shown in the OEW Archives Search Report (ASR). In November 1994, CELMS completed an update to the basic ASR which identified additional sites totaling approximately 600 acres bringing the total number of acreage to be investigated outside of the Impact Area to approximately 1800 acres. Clearance of the Impact Area will involve up to 8,000 acres of the 28,000 acres which comprise Fort Ord. Over the life of the project, additional assessments and amendments to the original ASR's have been done. In January 1994, Human Factors Applications, Inc (HFA), under contract to Huntsville Division, commenced sampling in several of the sites shown in the ASR. Initial efforts were restricted to determining the presence or absence of OEW in the sites identified in the basic ASR. After HFA had determined that six of the 21 potentially-contaminated sites were free of OEW and that four other sites were contaminated, we directed HFA to halt sampling operations and begin OEW removal actions within the California State University (CSU) Parcel. Between 28 February 94 and 30 June 1994, when HFA demobilized, HFA cleared 241 acres of the CSU Parcel and 50 acres on Lookout Ridge.

On 5 July 1994, UXB mobilized to Fort Ord and began clearing the remaining 80 acres of the CSU Parcel. In September 94, we directed UXB to commence clearing previously-unidentified parcels to the North and South of Fritzche Army Airfield (FAAF). UXB completed work in the FAAF parcels in December 94 and is now completing the CSU Parcel. UXB completed work on their delivery order and demobilize on 25 August 1995. CMS Inc was issued a delivery order to follow behind UXB and they will started work on 28 August 1995 with no disruptions. In March 1997, Huntsville transferred a \$30 million stand alone contract with CMS to Sacramento District to administer. Huntsville retained management of the EE/CA and oversight monitoring over CESP's management of the removal contract.

**6. STRATEGY:** Stragety from the beginning was to perform time critical removal actions based on sampling of given areas in

compliance with the Land Disposal Site Plan approved by DDESB. For the first 3 years of the project, Huntsville Center was in charge of the ordnance removal. The Department of the Army Defense Environmental Law department decided in 1996 that the decision making process at Ft Ord should be based on the findings of an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA). Therefore Earth Tech Inc was issued a task order to perform an EE/CA on areas already done to see if the removal and sampling action was adequate and to perform another phase 2 EE/CA for lands not yet subjected to removals.

**7. CURRENT STATUS:** CESPK has administered the removal contract for the past year. They send in documents for CX concurrence and approval. The Phase 1 EE/CA is complete with only the Action Memo prepared by the POM out for review. The Phase 2 EE/CA is complete in draft form to date with only a second public review in April remaining.

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

The only issue is the State and EPA's concerns regarding efficiency of the metal detectors used to perform removals. Due to the efficiencies not being 100%, there will always remain the possibility that some ordnance may have been missed. With current technology, this is the best that can be done short of strip mining and sifting every acre of the site.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:**

The EE/CA Phase 1 is complete. The EE/CA phase 2 will be presented to the public on 16 April. Barring major comments, this document will be final the end of April. The Presidio of Monterey will prepare the decision document called the Action Memorandum as they did for the Phase 1 EE/CA.

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only