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SUBJECT: Procedure for Preliminary Assessment (PA) and Site Inspection (SI) Teams that Encounter Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) While Gathering Non-UXO Field Data, Military Munitions Center of Expertise (MM CX) Interim Guidance Document (IGD) 06-05

1. PURPOSE: This procedure describes the responsibilities of project teams during the preliminary assessment and site investigation phases should unexploded ordnance (UXO) be discovered.
2. APPLICABILITY: This guidance is applicable to the geographic military Districts, Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Design Centers, Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs), and designated Remedial Action Districts performing MMRP response actions.

3. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES:

a. During site visits to formerly used defense site (FUDS) properties to gather PA or SI information, in the rare instance that a UXO-qualified individual identifies an item that is an explosive hazard, the following actions will occur:

(1) The property owner or individual granting rights of entry to the property will be notified of the hazard and advised to call the local emergency response authority (i.e., police, sheriff, or fire department). The individual will also be informed that if they do not call the local response authority within 1 hour, the individual who identified the UXO item will notify the local emergency response authority.

(2) The local response authority will decide how to respond to the reported incident, including deciding not to respond (e.g., if the local response authority is already aware of the hazards on the property). If the local response authority decides to respond, the individual who identified the item or his designee will mark the location of the item and provide accurate location information to the emergency response authority. The individual who identified the item or his designee will generally remain in the area until the local response authority arrives, unless specifically indicated by the appropriate response authority that the individual may leave the area.

(3) During the SI, the state regulator may also be notified at their request.

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b. During site visits to active installations or Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) sites to gather PA or SI information, in the rare instance that a UXO-qualified individual identifies an item that is an explosive hazard, the following actions will occur:

(1) The installation point of contact (POC) or the BRAC coordinator will be notified of the hazard and requested to notify explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) through their channels.

(2) The installation/EOD will make the determination if they are going to respond to the incident. The installation/EOD may be aware of the hazards at the site and make the decision not to respond. If the installation/EOD decides to respond, the individual who identified the item or his designee will mark the location and provide accurate location information to the installation/EOD unit and will remain in the area unless the installation/EOD unit requests otherwise.

c. Neither the US Army Corps of Engineers personnel, nor their contractors have the authority to call EOD to respond to an explosive hazard. This call is the responsibility of the local emergency response authority for FUDS properties and it must come through the proper chain of command on installations.

d. AR 75-14 and AR 75-15 contain the information on how EOD responds to explosives hazards.

4. EFFECTIVE DATES: The requirements and procedures set forth in this interim guidance are effective immediately. They will remain in effect indefinitely, unless superseded by other policy or regulation.

5. POINT OF CONTACT: If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Brad McCowan at 256-895-1174.



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