



# Coalition Munitions Disposal Program

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**H**untsville Center's Coalition Munitions Disposal Program is executed by the International Operations Division within the Ordnance and Explosives Directorate in the Huntsville Center. The focus of the CMD Program is to operate a centralized collection point for the disposal of U.S. unserviceable ammunition and items recovered by field units during operations.



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**CMD contractor personnel inventory and prepare Condition Code H "unserviceable" ammunition for disposal at FOB Hammer, Iraq.**

## Mission

The Army authorization of the CMD Program was issued in August 2008 which shifted the focus of the Army's Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Engineers' (C7) ordnance support mission from mobile team efforts throughout Iraq to a static operation located at Field Operating Base Hammer. This follow-on effort provides the management and demilitarization of unserviceable ammunition or Condition Code H, excess coalition munitions and cached Explosive Remnants of War collected during operations in Iraq.

## History

In the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Coalition Forces found huge caches of ammunition scattered throughout Iraq. The U.S. military command in Iraq turned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for support after realizing the magnitude of stockpiled ammunition spread across the country. The Corps in turn, tasked Huntsville Center with the mission of consolidating and destroying the captured ammunition. At the height of the Coalition Munitions Clearance Program there were 18 mobile teams operating in country to support the mission. The program destroyed more than 346,000 short tons of ERW at more than 51 clearance sites across Iraq. The completion of the CMC Program resulted in the identification of a new requirement of Huntsville Center's expertise for a cost effective means for the destruction of unserviceable munitions within Iraq. Because of this need the CMD Program was developed and is in place to continue making Iraq and the Iraq Army safe and self sufficient.

## Major Functions

Using in-house and contractor resources, the CMD's objectives include:

- Final disposition of military munitions (considered unserviceable or excess by Coalition Forces) and ERW, not being retrograded to the U.S.
- Management of military munitions received and associated operations including, but not limited to, receipt, storage, accountability, issuing, disposal and certificates of disposal.
- Integration of disposal operations into the Iraqi Army Bomb Disposal Training in coordination with Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I) requirements.

The FY 2010 operating budget has been approved for \$10 million.

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