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Environmental and Munitions Corps Center of Expertise

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently combined two centers of expertise to form the Environmental and Munitions Mandatory Center of Expertise (EM CX).

The new CX, part of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, joins the Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) Center of Expertise, based in Omaha, Neb., and the Huntsville Center's Military Munitions Center of Expertise.

The EM CX provides technical support to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army and the Department of Defense on all issues involved with responses to environmental concerns, including hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste, military munitions and any constituents associated with military munitions.

The CX is comprised of more than 60 technical specialists including environmental, process, cost and chemical engineers; compliance specialists; health physicists; geologists; explosives safety and environmental safety specialists; chemists; industrial hygienists; risk assessors; legal counsel; program and project managers; and more. Details about specific services and points of contact can be found on the EM CX Web site at: <http://www.environmental.usace.army.mil/>.

The EM CX serves others by providing high quality engineering, scientific and explosives safety support to national environmental remediation, munitions response and compliance programs around the world. CX employees work with customers to attain solutions that benefit, protect and sustain the environment.

The new mandatory CX is made up of four divisions. The Environmental Science, Environmental Compliance and Management, and Environmental Engineering and Geology divisions are physically located in Omaha, Neb. The fourth division, the Military Munitions Division, is located in Huntsville, Ala. Even though the HTRW employees will continue to work out of Omaha, they will be Huntsville Center employees. The director of the CX is based in Omaha, and the deputy director, who is dual-hatted as the Military Munitions Division chief, is located in Huntsville.

"I believe our realignment with Huntsville Center makes the CX optimally placed to be effective for our customers," said Kevin Coats, the acting director of the EM CX at the time of the merger. "Now having an integrated CX organization addressing both MEC (munitions and explosives of concern) and MC (munitions constituents) will make it easier. We are organizing to be effective in

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