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Huntsville Center contractor employee killed in Iraq identified

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee killed in Iraq June 19 has been identified.

Edward Cunahan, 41, from North Pole, Alaska, was killed in a work-related accident. A Department of the Army investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

Cunahan worked as an ammunition handler and was employed by Tetra Tech Foster Wheeler, Inc., which is headquartered in Morris Plains, N.J.

This brings the number of contractor casualties killed under the Coalition Munitions Clearance program since September 2003 to 26. Since the beginning of the program, there have been two deaths attributed to a work-related accident.

"Our condolences go out to Edward's family," said Bill Sargent, program manager, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program. "Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission. We have logged over 18 million man-hours doing ordnance and explosives remediation in Iraq. Worker safety remains our top priority."

Huntsville Center is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving,

transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 450,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq.

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