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Benicia Arsenal
Munitions Response Site
Benicia, California
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Request for Information about Benicia Arsenal

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to implement the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSPP) at Benicia Arsenal. Benicia Arsenal contains a 178-acre Howitzer Test and Demolition Area Munitions Response Site (MRS) and is located in the city of Benicia, California, in Solano County.

The MRS areas were used for a variety of testing and demolition activities between 1949 and 1962 and are currently a demolition area. Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) and Munitions Debris (MD) have been found on the MRS, and further contamination is possible. However, a Settlement Agreement is in place that relieves the government of any liability for remediation and rendering further action unnecessary. Therefore, the alternative rating "No Longer Required" has been assigned to several modules of this site.

Benicia Arsenal is one of many former military installations throughout the United States that will be reviewed under the Department of Defense's MRSPP. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.

The Corps of Engineers is seeking information about Benicia Arsenal that could help determine past and current activities at the site. The type of information needed includes types of munitions that were used, ease of access to the site, number of people living near the site, previous discoveries of munitions, and human health and environmental concerns. Information collected will be used to apply the MRSPP and will be made available for public review in accordance with 32 Code of Federal Regulations 179 requirements.

The public is invited to participate in the scoring of the MRSPP and to provide comments to the USACE. If you have or would like additional information about this site, please contact Ms. Katherine Greene or Mr. Paul Bruton.