



Fort Bliss is providing this update on the work being conducted under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) at the Closed Castner Range to keep stakeholders and the general public informed of the progress of remedial actions conducted for this site.



As a result of years of U.S. Army training activities at the Castner Range, unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM) and munitions constituents (MC) remain present at the site. Congress established the MMRP program to address UXO, DMM and MC in current and former defense sites, in this case, the Castner Range, located on the Eastern portion of the Franklin Mountains between Hondo Pass and North Hills, in El Paso, TX.

The next paragraphs contain the eight steps of the MMRP program to be conducted for Castner Range remediation:

- 1. Preliminary Assessment (PA):** determines whether a site poses threat to human health and the environment.
- 2. Site Inspection (SI):** collects environmental and waste samples to determine what hazardous substances are present at the site.
- 3. Remedial Investigation (RI):** collects data to characterize site conditions, determine nature of wastes and assess risk to human health and the environment.
- 4. Feasibility Study (FS):** evaluates alternatives for remedial actions (technologies and cleanup methodologies) based on potential future land use and the RI conclusions.



- 5. Record of Decision (ROD):** the ROD is a public document that explains which cleanup alternative will be used.
- 6. Remedial Design (RD):** this is the phase where technical specifications and technologies for the selected cleanup methodology are designed.
- 7. Remedial Action (RA):** this phase follows the RD and involves the actual construction or implementation of the site remediation selected alternative.
- 8. Long Term Monitoring (LTM):** post-closure monitoring such as yearly inspections, signs or fence installation and maintenance may be required for some sites. This is to ensure that response actions provide long-term protection of human health and the environment.



Castner Range is presently at the RI phase, an Explosives Site Plan (ESP) is under review as part of this phase.

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