



CLOSED CASTNER RANGE UPDATE - AUGUST 2015

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.



Geophysics Study: EM61 hand-towed equipment .

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

Closed Castner Range is presently in the Remedial Investigation (RI) phase. The objective of Closed Castner Range RI is to gather information sufficient to support an informed decision regarding which remedy appears to be most appropriate. Based on the RI results, a remediation action will be selected in the Feasibility Study (FS) phase. Specifically, the Closed Castner Range RI will delineate potential areas where Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), and Discarded Military Muni-

tions (DMM) might potentially be present; identify the nature and extent of contamination; and provide support information that will later be used to select remedial methodologies. The RI phase is also supported by historical records and analyses, previous investigations, ground and geophysical studies, and excavation and soil sampling activities.

The Closed Castner Range RI allowed identification of several types of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) at the site (flares, obscurant smoke, grenades, projectiles of various calibers, mortars and small arms), as well as metals and Munitions Constituents (MC).

As part of Closed Castner Range RI, Fort Bliss has also conducted Technical Project Planning (TPP) meetings to inform stakeholders and public of concepts of the site remediation, project objectives, constraints, data needs, and quality objectives; in addition, has conducted area assessments and visual surveys. Presently, the Explosives Site Plan (ESP) is still under review. The ESP addresses safety procedures, area for storage of commercial demolition explosives (magazine), describes methods of disposal, and delineates explosive safe distances.

The Closed Castner Range RI continues to collect data to advance to the FS phase.



View of Closed Castner Range through Fusselman Canyon and El Paso Northeast area.

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