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Dear Mr. Cook:

EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT) is pleased to submit four (4) copies of the Public Involvement Plan for the above referenced project as required by the Performance Work Statement (PWS). Additionally six (6) copies are also being sent to Mr. Shawn Boone, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District. Also attached is the USACE Form 7 comment responses to back-check comments made on the June version.

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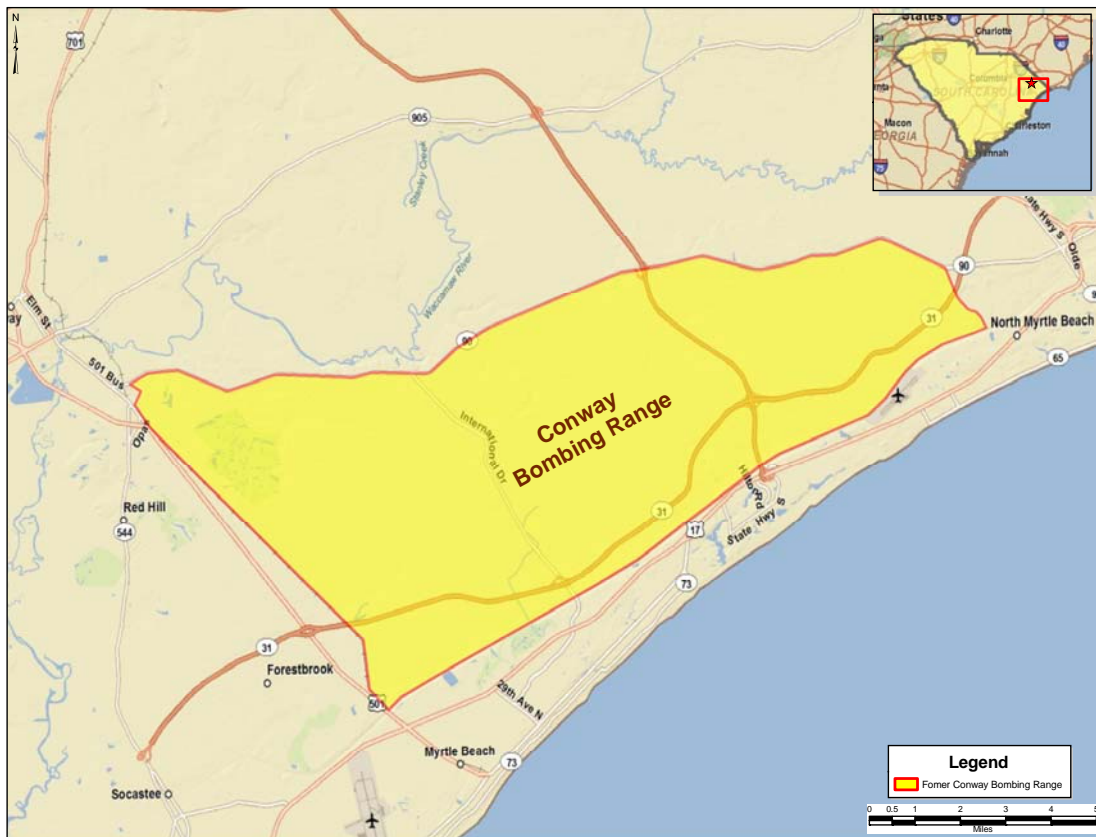
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for the
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY
at the
**FORMER CONWAY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE
HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) has been developed for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) by EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT) to serve as a framework for public involvement in the Remedial Investigation performed at the former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR).

As part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program, the USACE is conducting a Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine the nature and extent of Munitions Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard (MPPEH).

This PIP describes the communities affected by the project, identifies interests and concerns expressed by representative community members, and outlines public involvement activities to be implemented by the USACE.

In response to identified concerns and to ensure public involvement through the project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (CESAC), with assistance from the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH), and EODT, will brief community leaders, distribute pamphlets, news releases, and other public involvement education materials, and display project material at the community library.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AAF	Army Air Field
AR	Administrative Record
ASR	Archives Search Report
BE	Base Ejection
BGR	Bombing and Gunnery Range
CESAC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
DERP/FUDS	Defense Environmental Restoration Program-Formerly Used Defense Sites
DNT	Dinitrotoluene
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EODT	EOD Technology, Inc.
EP	Engineering Pamphlet
HC	Hexachloroethane-Zinc
HE	High Explosive
MC	Munitions Constituent
MEC	Munitions and Explosives of Concern
MG	Machine Gunner
MMRP	Military Munitions Response Program
MPPEH	Munitions Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard
MRS	Munitions Response Site
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
PA	Preliminary Assessment
PETN	Pentaerythrite Tetranitrate
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
RAB	Restoration Advisory Board
RDX	Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine
RI	Remedial Investigation
TCRA	Time Critical Removal Action
TCT	Twin City Testing
TNT	Trinitrotoluene
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USAESCH	U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WWII	World War II



1.0 OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

1.1 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is to identify public concerns and provide meaningful and proactive involvement in the decision-making process. This PIP has been developed for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) by EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT) to identify issues of community concern related to the nine (9) Munitions Response Site(s) (MRSs) identified during previous investigations. It is designed to meet the unique requirements of the local community and provide the framework for community involvement in the environmental activities that will be performed at the former World War II (WWII) training areas. This PIP will serve as a framework for successful information exchange with the public during the Remedial Investigation (RI) efforts. This Plan discusses the uses of news releases, pamphlets, user groups and interaction with elected officials. This PIP is a living document that may be revised to address future concerns of the community and involvement activities.

This PIP is developed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Ensure that stakeholders understand that personal and property safety is the paramount concern during the RI.
2. Serve the community's information needs by keeping local residents, officials, and other stakeholders informed in a timely manner on Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) activities.
3. Provide local residents, officials, and other stakeholders with project documentation through the Administrative Record (AR).
4. Encourage and enable the public to get involved.
5. Listen to and capture public concerns.
6. Adapt planned actions where public comments or concerns have merit.
7. Foster and maintain a climate of understanding and trust between stakeholders and the project team.

1.2 PLAN ORGANIZATION

The organization of this PIP is structured around the various components of the Plan and its supporting documents. For ease of use, this document is divided into sections and appendices in accordance with USACE Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1110-3-8:

1.2.1 Section 1: Overview of Public Involvement Plan

This section presents the purpose and objectives of the PIP and the Plan organization.



1.2.2 Section 2: Site Description and History

This section describes the property history and description, location, and summarizes previous investigations and cleanup activities for the tract of land.

1.2.3 Section 3: Community Background

This section provides information on the community and identifies key community concerns.

1.2.4 Section 4: Public Involvement Plan

This section discusses how the USACE plans an estimated schedule to implement the community involvement activities pertaining to the concerns identified in the previous section.

1.2.5 Section 5: References

This section includes all sites referenced throughout the PIP.

1.2.6 Appendix A: USACE District Contacts

This appendix provides a list of USACE District contacts and contact information.

1.2.7 Appendix B: Local Officials

This appendix provides a list of local officials and contact information.

1.2.8 Appendix C: State and EPA Officials

This appendix provides a list of state and EPA officials and contact information.

1.2.9 Appendix D: Federal Officials Elected

This appendix provides a list of federal elected officials.

1.2.10 Appendix E: Environmental and Active Citizen Groups

This appendix provides the list of environmental and active citizen groups that are interested in the project, with contact information.

1.2.11 Appendix F: Potentially Responsible Parties

This appendix provides a list of the potentially responsible parties from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineering, Charleston District.

1.2.12 Appendix G: Media List

This appendix provides a list of local media, including the type of media, contact name, address, electronic mail address, telephone number, facsimile number, web site, and deadlines.



1.2.13 Appendix H: Potential Meeting Locations

This appendix contains a list of all locations that may be used for public meetings.

1.2.14 Appendix I: Information Repository Location

This appendix provides the list of information repositories, contact information and hours of operation.

1.2.15 Appendix J: Stakeholders List

This appendix provides the list of stakeholders which include elected officials, media, civic organizations, public safety officials, and community groups that are interested in the project.

1.2.16 Appendix K: Public Involvement Tools

This appendix contains samples of a news release, community survey questionnaire public service announcement, flier, newspaper advertisement, invitation letters, and fact sheets.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

The former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR) encompasses an area approximately 55,854 acres in Horry County. The area was used by the Army Air Corps and Air Force during WWII as a training base. Conway BGR was established in 1942 as part of the Myrtle Beach General BGR. The former Conway BGR contained Ranges II, III, IV, VII, XX, as well as a moving target range, two turret ranges, a machine gun range, and rifle range, to list a few of the areas encompassed. Within the former Conway BGR site boundary, nine (9) MRSs have been identified for further investigation based on their history and previous investigations. Figure 2-1 identifies the former Conway BGR MRS investigation areas.

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2.1 PROJECT HISTORY

The former Conway BGR was used by the Army Air Corps and Air Force for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training during WWII. Depending on the time frame and documentation, the former Conway BGR was also referred to as the Myrtle Beach General BGR and Horry County Bombing Range. Prior to 1940, the former Conway BGR area was primarily privately owned and used mainly for timber harvest and farming. In 1941, the 112th Observation Squadron set up support operations for a bombing and gunnery range in the Myrtle Beach area and later provided coastal defense for the area. The range was renamed Myrtle Beach Army Air Field (AAF) on 8 November 1943 and, by this time, comprised approximately 60,000 acres of land. The Myrtle Beach AAF consisted of a cantonment area in Myrtle Beach, air-to-ground gunnery ranges in the Myrtle Beach area, a bombing and gunnery range in the Conway area (the former Conway BGR), a bombing and gunnery range in the Georgetown area, and crash and target boats at Murrells Inlet.

Bombing and aerial gunnery missions took place frequently at Myrtle Beach AAF. Conway BGR was utilized throughout WWII by units from Myrtle Beach General BGR (later Myrtle Beach AAF), Columbia Army Air Base, Greenville Army Air Base, Florence AAF, Morris Field, and Charleston Army Air Base. Heavy use of the former Conway BGR continued until early 1946 when Myrtle Beach AAF was converted from wartime to peacetime training. During peacetime training, use of the former Conway BGR diminished greatly. Between 16 January 1945 and 30 September 1948, leases on approximately 1,923 acres were terminated. Myrtle Beach AAF was closed in November 1947 and on 4 February 1948 the former Conway BGR was declared surplus to government needs. On 22 June 1948 land owned by the Government in fee (19,246 acres) was transferred to the War Assets Administration and eventually sold. By October 1948, leases on 34,685 acres were terminated and the land was returned to International Paper Company.

2.2 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION/LOCATIONS

The former Conway BGR, consisting of approximately 55,854 acres, is located in Conway, South Carolina (Horry County). The site is bound by Highway 90 to the north, Highway 17 to the east and south, and Highway 501 to the west (Figure 2-1). Currently, a mixture of private individuals and businesses own the site; the two single largest landowners being International Paper Realty Corporation and the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. Table 2-1 lists the MRS site designations and a summary of information about each MRS.



TABLE 2-1: MRS SITE DESIGNATIONS AND SUMMARY

MRS Designation	Range ID	Acres	Activity
Range II (Multiple/Combined)	I04SC002501R01	649	Practice, skip, parafrag bombing, and rocket firing, bombing
Range III	I04SC002501R02	649	Practice, demolition, dive, incendiary and skip bombing, rocket firing
Range IV (Bombing)	I04SC002501R03	649	Practice bombing
Range VII (Bombing)	I04SC002501R04	649	Skip bombing
Range XX	I04SC002501R05	640	Rocket, strafing, skip bombing, and air to ground gunnery
Strafing Range (Small Arms)	I04SC002501R06	720	Small arms moving gun targets
Turret Range I	I04SC002501R07	640	Small arms moving gun targets
Turret Range II	I04SC002501R08	640	Small arms moving gun targets
MG/Rifle Range	I04SC002501R09	2500	Small arms moving gun targets

2.2.1 Demographics

The population of Horry County is estimated at 196,660 (2000 Census). The area has a varied economy based on agriculture. Forest products, manufacturing, and tourism support the local economic base. Fifty-nine percent of the population resides in urban areas with forty one percent of the population residing in rural areas of the county. Eighty-three percent of households are Caucasian; fourteen percent are African-American. Twenty-one percent of the population is under the age of 18. Eighty-one percent of the residents are high school graduates and 18.7 percent hold college degrees. Table 2-2 provides census information Horry County.

TABLE 2-2: COUNTY CENSUS INFORMATION (U.S. CENSUS BUREAU)

Horry	
Land Area (2000)	1133.68 square miles
Persons per Square Mile (2000)	173.4
Population (2000)	196,660
Population under 18 years of age (2008)	21.4%
Caucasian (2008)	83.1%
African American (2008)	14.3%
Other race (2008)	2.6%
Households (2000)	81,800
Median household income (2008)	42,515

Business, recreational, educational, and religious facilities are scattered throughout Conway BGR. Highway 90 bounds the site to the north. This stretch of road is a mixture of agricultural activities, scattered residences, small independent businesses, community churches, and the



North Myrtle Beach Middle School. Highway 7 is dominated by commercial, retail tourism-related businesses. Highway 501 is less developed than Highway 17, yet again dominated by commercial, retail, and light industrial facilities. The Carolina Forest Education Center and the Carolina Forest Elementary School are located east of Highway 501. International Paper owned more than 20,000 acres, which were used for timber harvest; however, several parcels have been sold to developers. The South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department manages more than 9,000 acres; development is restricted and public access to this area is limited. Scattered residences and undeveloped private property are located adjacent to Bombing Range Road and Water Tower Road. Several hundred acres are owned by Myrtle Beach National Properties and Barefoot Golf and Resort.

Horry County is mostly flat with marshlands and swamps. The highest elevation in the county is approximately 100 feet above sea level. The Lumber and Little Pee Dee Rivers form the county's western boundary. The Waccamaw River and the Intercoastal Waterway cross it to the north and south. Lake Busbee at Conway is a man-made cooling pond for a Santee Cooper electric plant. Carolina Bays are naturally occurring geographic features in the county and are home to a wide variety of wildlife; including black bears and deer. Numerous sensitive environmental resources occur within the project site such as streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and state and federal listed protected species of plants and animals. Cultural resources are also known to be present in the project area.

2.3 PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS AND CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

2.3.1 Preliminary Assessment

In May 1991, Twin City Testing (TCT) Corporation, St. Louis, prepared a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of Ordnance and Explosives (OE) at the former Conway BGR for U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH). The PA was conducted under the DERP-FUDS program for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (CESAC). TCT concluded that Ordnance and Explosives (OE) potentially exists at the former Conway BGR, specifically at Ranges II, III, and IV. Because the site was used as a bombing and gunnery range by the Army Air Corps, an OE site investigation was recommended. In addition, the PA concluded there was an eligible category of hazard under the DERP-FUDS program. It recommended a high priority confirmation study at these ranges using visual and geophysical surveys.

2.3.2 Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation in 1991 prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed highway bypass, which runs from Highway 17 through the former Conway BGR to

Highway 501. The EIS acknowledged the site was once used as a bombing range and that OE could possibly exist in the area. Additionally, the EIS predicted the impact of the bypass construction on rare and endangered species, land use, historic and archaeological sites and wetlands, as well as many other areas.

2.3.3 Archives Search Report

In 1995, the USACE, Rock Island District conducted a site investigation and Archives Search Report (ASR) of the former Conway BGR (USACE, 1995). The ASR concluded that the presence of ordnance was “confirmed” in Range II and Range IV based on verifiable historical evidence and direct witness of ordnance items. The potential for ordnance in Range II Safety Zone, Range III, Range III Safety Zone, Range IV Safety Zone, Range VII, Range VII Safety Zone, Range XX, and Range XX Safety Zone were based on inference from records and indirect witness accounts. Other ranges were not considered to have any Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)/OE based on a lack of “confirmed” or “potential” ordnance evidence.

2.3.4 Site Visit

Parsons conducted site visits at the former Conway BGR on 26 and 27 February 1997. During this site visit, no OE or evidence of OE was reported at the former Conway BGR except at Range III (Area B), where several 0.50-caliber shell casings, bullets, and fragments of 4-lb incendiary bombs were noted at the ground surface. A practice 2.5-inch rocket was also discovered at the edge of the access dirt road at this site.

2.3.5 Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis

An Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was performed from 1999 to 2003 (Parsons, 2003). The EE/CA was based on recommendations from the ASR.

2.3.6 Removal Action

A removal action, including construction support, was conducted as authorized by the USAESCH in 2000 (Parsons, 2002). The purpose of the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) was to remove all OE (UXO and inert ordnance) within a 45-acre portion of the Impact Zone at Area B in Range III, an area currently under commercial development. The TCRA was implemented based on discovery of live OE during the EE/CA investigation and by the current property owner who is developing a portion of his property at Range III.

2.3.7 Munitions Constituents Sampling Analysis and Evaluation

Parsons’ evaluation of soil and surface water samples was conducted as authorized by the USAESCH in 2005 (Parson, 2006). The purpose of the Munitions Constituents (MC) sampling analysis and evaluation of FUDS task order was to collect, sample, and evaluate various sources



to characterize the presence and concentrations of MC. The samples were conducted targeting areas with strong potential for MC contamination; determining the concentration in these areas by first reducing the overall size of area that would otherwise be classified as suspect for MC contamination. The usage was to aid in programmatic decision-making such as scoping MC studies at FUDS.

The various investigations performed within the former Conway BGR are summarized in Table 2-3 according to the Range type.

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*Public Involvement Plan for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
at the Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range
Horry County, South Carolina*

TABLE 2-3: SUMMARY OF VARIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

MRS Designation	Acres	Investigation	Date	MEC	Comments
Range II (Multiple/Combined)	649	Preliminary Assessment	1991	Yes	0.50 caliber bullet and 1 practice rocket
		Archives Search Report (ASR)	1995	None reported	No observed Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC)
		EE/CA	1999-2004	No MEC found, 6 munitions debris items	
Range III	649	Preliminary Assessment	1991	None Reported	Impact craters observed
		ASR	1995	None reported	Impact craters observed, historic activities suggest high probability
		EE/CA	1999-2004	3 UXO items 197 Munitions Debris	
		TCRA	2002	2156 UXO items 76726 Munitions Debris	
		MC Characterization	2006	Soils and surface water sampling only	No explosives detected. Few metals may be elevated; however, background inadequate for comparison
Range IV (Bombing)	649	Preliminary Assessment	1991	Munitions Debris items found, bomb components, fuzes	Historic and local information suggests high probability
		ASR	1995	None reported	No observed MEC.
		EE/CA	1999-2004	42 Munitions Debris items No UXO items	
Range VII (Bombing)	649	Preliminary Assessment	1991	None Reported	No observed MEC.
		ASR	1995	2 Munitions Debris items	
		EE/CA	1999-2004	None Reported	No observed MEC.
Range XX	640	Preliminary Assessment	1991	None Reported	No observed MEC.
		ASR	1995	None Reported	No observed MEC.
		EE/CA	1999-2004	None Reported	No observed MEC.
Strafing Range (Small Arms)	720	ASR	1995	None Reported	Formerly reported as the moving target range. No observed MEC.
Turret Range I	640	ASR	1995	None Reported	No observed MEC.
Turret Range II	640	ASR	1995	None Reported	No observed MEC.
Machine Gunner (MG)/Rifle Range	2500	ASR	1995	None Reported	No observed MEC. Overlap Range III boundary, Items found in area associated with Range III



2.4 INITIAL SUMMARY OF MEC RISK

MEC items identified during the previous investigations mentioned above have remained consistent with each other and in regards to the types of munitions expected for an infantry training camp. The following list of MEC items in Table 2-4 includes MEC items of concern that have been identified during previous investigations or are likely to be present on the former Conway BGR based on historical information.

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TABLE 2-4: MEC ITEMS OF CONCERN

ITEM	MODEL	TYPE	Found Intact or Fragment?	POTENTIAL CONSTITUENTS OF CONCERN
.30 Caliber Rifle and Machine Gun	M2	Ball	Yes	Lead, antimony, copper, zinc, aluminum, magnesium, nitroglycerin, dinitrotoluene (DNT)
	M2	Tracer	No	
.50 Caliber Machine Gun	M2	Ball	No	Calcium, lead, magnesium, antimony, potassium, perchlorate, nitroglycerin
	M1	Tracer	No	
37-mm Projectile	M51 series	Shot	No	Antimony, copper, lead, zinc, trinitrotoluene (TNT), DNT
	M63	High Explosive (HE)	Yes	Antimony, copper, lead, zinc, TNT, DNT, nitrocellulose
	M51A2	TP-T	Yes	Antimony, copper, lead, zinc TNT
60-mm Mortar	M49 series	Shell, HE	Yes	TNT
	M50 series	Shell, Practice	Yes	Antimony, lead, nitroglycerin, TNT,
	M69 series	Shell, Training	Yes	Chromium, cobalt, copper, manganese, nickel, vanadium, zinc
81-mm Mortar	M43 series	Shell, HE, Practice	Unknown ¹	TNT
	M45 series	Shell, HE	Unknown ¹	Antimony, lead, TNT
	M53 series	Shell, HE	Unknown ¹	No record of M53 series
	M57 series	Shell, Smoke, WP	Unknown ¹	Chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, nickel, vanadium, white phosphorus, silver, zinc
	M68	Shell, Training	Unknown ¹	Antimony, lead, nitroglycerin
105-mm Howitzer	M1	HE	No	TNT
	M84	Smoke, Hexachloroethane-Zinc (HC), Base Ejection (BE)	Yes	Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine (RDX), Tetryl, TNT
2.36-inch Rocket	M6A1	Anti-tank	Unknown ¹	Nitroglycerin, perchlorate, iron, Pentaerythrite Tetranitrate (PETN), TNT
	M7A1	Practice	Unknown ¹	Nitroglycerin, perchlorate
3-inch Stokes Mortar	MK I/II MK VI fuze	Shell	Yes	Antimony, mercury, TNT
Signal	M17A1	White Star Parachute	No	Chromium, copper, manganese, nickel, zinc, cadmium, lead
Grenade, Rifle	M9A1	Anti-tank	No	Copper, lead, zinc, cadmium
	M17	Fragmentation	No	
Grenade	MK II	Fragmentation	Yes	RDX
	M21	Practice	Yes	Cadmium, chromium, copper, cobalt, lead, manganese, nickel, vanadium, zinc
Mine	M6	Heavy Anti-tank	No	TNT
Bangalore Torpedo	M1A1	Torpedo	No	Chromium, cobalt, copper, manganese, nickel, vanadium, lead

¹ Has been found but model number and type not mentioned or now known because item was a fragment.

3.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

The community background consists of the sections, community profile, history of community involvement, key community concerns, response to community concerns, and the summary of communication needs. Due to previous investigations and response actions at the site, the community has received significant exposure to the FUDS program and has familiarity with the site and munitions presence.

3.1 COMMUNITY PROFILE

The former Conway BGR, consisting of approximately 55,854 acres, is located in Conway, Horry County, South Carolina. International Paper Realty Corporation and the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department are the two single largest landowners with remaining property owned by a mixture of businesses and private individuals. Table 2-2 provides census information of Horry County.

3.2 HISTORY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In the effort to more concisely describe the community and analyze key local issues and interests, community interviews were conducted during a previous investigation. The exact dates are unknown; however the summary has been included. An example of the interview questionnaire, included in Appendix K, provided the basis for each interview. A random selection of property owners and businesses within the Conway BGR were targeted for telephone interviews. The result of the interviews performed by Parsons follows:

- Total number of businesses, property owners, and stakeholders on the mailing list 155
- Number of addresses with telephone calls attempted 71
- Number of telephone calls attempted (including re-calls) 75
- Number of Interviews completed 29
- Number of those interviewed who were familiar with the project 22/29
- Number of those interviewed interested in participating on a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) 11
- Number of Community Interest Forms received to date 2 (Zapata Engineering P.A, Community Relation Plan, January 2000)

To encourage stakeholders to become involved with this project, all individuals on the mailing list were sent a project fact sheet along with an abbreviated questionnaire and Community Interest Form, to be completed and returned in a stamped, addressed envelope. A higher response rate is anticipated to the mailing that telephone interviews (Zapata Engineer P.A., Community Relation Plan, January 2000).

3.3 KEY COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

Based on the results of the initial Technical Project Planning meeting, community interests and concerns are:

- Minimize and/or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Incorporate adequate environmental protection measures into the Work Plan
- Minimize impact to daily routines
- Public health and safety
- Risk of munitions exposure
- Removal of MPPEH and explosive hazards at MRSs

4.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This section provides a description of the specific public involvement activities and methods of communication proposed for the former Conway BGR. It presents a systematic program for keeping federal, state, county, and local elected officials, as well as user groups, informed on the project status and findings through a communication network. In addition, resources available to the community and key individuals are listed, along with areas of special community sensitivity. This PIP is designed to meet the requirements of EP 1110-3-8 for Public Participation in the DERP-FUDS, as well as information provided on the USACE FUDS Public Involvement Tool Kit compact disk.

4.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the PIP is to develop the framework for on-going communications between the public and USACE personnel involved with the former Conway BGR project. The following section details objectives developed into guidelines, which may be implemented in the former Conway BGR public involvement activities.

4.1.1 Inform Area Residents, Media, and Local Officials of the RI Process and the Role of USACE

Not all area residents, local news media, and other public entities are familiar with the RI process or the role of USACE. Information will be provided to enhance community understanding of the process, systems, and people involved in the project.

4.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Public involvement activities will be conducted throughout the various stages of the investigation for this site. USACE has undertaken and continues to engage in activities to strengthen involvement and communications with interested parties during the course of the project.



4.2.1 Public Education Workshop

A public education workshop, coordinated with CESAC, was held September 24, 2008 at Staybridge Suites on Hard Rock Parkway, Conway, South Carolina. As a part of this workshop, stations were set up throughout the room for the public to gather information and talk to individuals one-on-one who are involved with the project. Each station was manned by a spokesperson from CESAC, USAESCH, and EODT. Information provided at the workshop included:

- Site history of each MRS, including training activities and previous investigations
- Maps and photographs of the site
- Proposed investigation locations
- Demonstration of geophysical instruments
- Rights-of-entry: what is needed and why
- Safety video and coloring books about the three R's: Recognize, Retreat, and Report

4.2.2 Pamphlets

Pamphlets will be developed as needed during the investigation and are intended to provide the community with important information about the site in layman's language. Additional pamphlets will be developed and distributed to address specific community concerns unique to the site. Copies of all pamphlets will be placed in the Administrative Record Files for the site.

4.2.3 Establish an Information Contact

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (CESAC) will serve as the main point of contact to receive and respond to requests for information on the former Conway BGR RI activities and to coordinate the implementation of this Plan. The project coordinator's name, telephone number, and mailing address will be prominently displayed in all site publications and advertisements published by the lead agency. The Program Manager will play an active role in providing site-related information to the public. CESAC's mailing address and telephone number will be displayed on all public notices, pamphlets, updates, and other correspondence.

4.2.4 Administrative Records

An Administrative Record was initiated during the execution of the EE/CA at the former Conway BGR. The Administrative Record is kept on file within the Horry County Memorial Library, the Chapin Memorial Library, and the North Myrtle Beach Library. A list of documents within the file at each library can be found in Appendix I. This existing file will be updated as the RI progresses. This file will contain project documents to include the PIP, ASR, Historical Photographic Analysis, the EE/CA report and Work Plan. Documents for public review will be

placed in the Administrative Record and advertised to the public as required. Points of contact for the various libraries are listed in Appendix I. These documents will be made available to the public as non-circulating reference materials. Documents will be provided to the repository by mail or in person. The repository location is provided in Appendix I.

4.2.5 Restoration Advisory Board

A RAB may be established at any time during the project. As described in EP 1110-3-8, the USACE will determine the need for a RAB based on community interest. Letters and fact sheets may be released to residents to solicit their interest in forming a RAB. Based on public response, if USACE decides a RAB will be helpful, community leaders and interested parties (listed in Appendix J), which may include property owners, will be invited by letter to participate. In addition, a web page explaining the purpose and function of the RAB and providing a form to be completed by persons interested in participating will be incorporated into the project website. Completed forms will be delivered to the District Public Affairs Specialist assigned to the project via electronic mail or U.S. Postal Service mail. Interested parties may also complete a RAB interest form verbally by telephone. A RAB selection panel, representing a cross-section of the community and its views, will be formed to recommend community members to serve on the RAB.

5.0 REFERENCES

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- 5.4** U.S. Census Bureau, [Internet]. Public Information Office Last Revised June 03, 2010. <http://www.census.gov/>.
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- 5.8 Restoration Advisory Board Work Plan Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range. Zapata Engineering PA., April 2000
- 5.9 Community Relation Plan Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range. Zapata Engineering PA., January 2000.



APPENDIX A USACE DISTRICT CONTACTS

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District current contact information listed below:

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APPENDIX B LOCAL OFFICIALS

HORRY COUNTY	
Liz Gilland (Council Chairman) 1511 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526-3438 (843) 248-9107	Chief of Fire & Rescue Garry Alderman 2560 Main Street Conway, SC 29526 Tel: (843) 915-5190
Bob Grabowski (Council Vice Chairman District 6) 4897 Hwy. 17 S. Bypass, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 293-7117	Sheriff Phillip E. Thompson 1301 Second Avenue Conway, SC 29526 Tel: (843)915-5450
Harold Worley (Council District 1) 2859 Hwy. 111, Little River, SC 29566 (843) 249-1436	Chief of Police Johnny Morgan 2560 Main Street Conway, SC 29526 Tel: (843) 915-5350
Brent Schulz (Council District 2) 1298 Professional Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 692-3200	James R. Frazier (Council District 7) 725 Bucksport Road, Conway, SC 29527 (843) 397-5423
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	Al Allen (Council District 11) 150 Shanda Lane, Aynor, SC 29511 (843) 358-0100
CONWAY	LORIS
Alys Lawson (Mayor)	David E. Stoudenmire, Jr.
Jean M. Timbers (Mayor Tem)	Joan S. Gause
Thomas J. "Tom" Anderson II	Thessalonia Graham
Vivian E. Chestnut	Lewis C. Hardee Jr.
William Goldfinch	Shirley O. Craigle
Ibry L. Koon	Michael E. Suggs
Larry A. White	Estelle S. Wright
City of Conway Mayor's Office City Hall Post Office Box 1075 Conway SC 29528-1075 Tel: (843)248-1760	Loris City Hall P.O. Box 548 4101 Walnut Loris, SC 29569 Tel: (843)756-4004



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<p>Post Office Box 1075 Conway SC 29528 Tel: (843)248-1720 (843)248-1726 (843)349-4531</p>	<p>Pinewood Drive Loris, SC 29569 Tel: (843) 756-4004</p>
<p>Chief of Police Reginald E. Gosnell Captain of Patrol Randal Graham Post Office Drawer 1075 Conway SC 29528-1075 Law Enforcement Center 200 Laurel Street Samuel P. Floyd Senior Building – Satellite Station 1800 Racepath Avenue</p>	<p>Chief of Police Joseph Vaught Police Officer Karen Baker 3951 Walnut Street Loris, SC 29569 Tel: (843)756-4000</p>
Myrtle Beach	North Myrtle Beach
<p>John Rhodes (Mayor) Michael Chestnut W. Wayne Gray Mike Lowder Susan Grissom Means Dr. Philip Render (Mayor Pro Tem) Randal Wallace</p>	<p>Marilyn Hatley (Mayor) Hank Thomas Greg Duckworth J.O. Baldwin Terry White (Mayor Pro Tem) Doris Williams Robert Cavanaugh</p>
<p>City of Myrtle Beach Post Office Drawer 2468 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 Tel: (843)918-1000</p>	<p>City of North Myrtle Beach 1018 Second Avenue South North Myrtle Beach, SC 29852 Tel: (843)280-5555</p>
<p>Fire Chief Alvin Payne Assistant Fire Chief Dan Cimini Station No. 1: 1250 10th Avenue North Station No. 2: 5338 North Kings Highway Station No. 3: 2108 South Kings Highway Station No. 4: 1070 Howard Parkway Station No. 5: 804 79th Avenue North Station No. 6: 970 38th Avenue North Tel: (843)918-1192</p>	<p>Fire Chief Thomas Barstow</p>
<p>Chief of Police Warren Gall Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC Tel: (843)918-1302</p>	<p>Chief of Police Tel: (843)280-5510</p>



**APPENDIX C
STATE & EPA OFFICIALS**

South Carolina Officials	
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SC Representative Tracy Edge District# 104 Post Office Box 2095 North Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 Tel: (843)448-5123	Representative George M. Hearn District# 105 1100 Oak Street Conway, SC 29526 Tel: (843)248-3172
EPA Officials	
United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson Tel: (202)564-4700 EPA Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania	Regional Administrator A. Stanley Meiburg Acting Regional Administrator Beverly H. Banister Deputy Regional Administrator J. Scott Gordon (Acting Chief of Staff)
EPA Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303 Tel: (404)562-9900 (800)241-1754	



**APPENDIX D
FEDERAL OFFICIALS ELECTED**

United States of America	
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United States Representative for South Carolina	
Henry E. Brown 1 st Congressional District 103 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Tel: (202)225-3176	James Clyburn 6 th Congressional District 2135 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Tel: (202)225-3315
Joe Wilson 2 nd Congressional District	J. Gresham Barrett 3 rd Congressional District
Bob Inglis 4 th Congressional District	John Spratt 5 th Congressional District



APPENDIX E ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACTIVE CITIZEN GROUPS

Local Civic Groups and Organizations	
AARP Chapter #4719 Santee Cooper Conway, SC 29526 (843) 347-2374	Professional Secretaries International Conway, SC 29526 Virginia Sawyer (843) 365-2617
American Legion Horry Post III (843) 448-4900	Carolina Forest Rotary Sunrise Club Kipp McDowell (843)234-9980
The Arc (Association for Retarded Citizens) PO Box 1628 250 Victory Lane University Commerce Park Conway, SC 29526 (843) 347-0261	South Carolina Coastal Conservation League P.O. Box 603 Georgetown, SC 29442 (843) 723-8035 (843) 545-0403
Coastal Elks Club 600 Ridge Street Conway, SC 29527 (843) 248-3317	Coastal of Carolina Parrot Head Club 395 River Road Conway, SC 29526 Candace Carter (843) 347-1189
Conway Toastmasters 1600 Ninth Avenue Conway, SC 29526 Daniel Flak (843) 248-0104	Horry County Historical Society PO Box 2025 Conway, SC 29526 Ben Burroughs (843) 488-1966
Kiwanis Club PO Box 1567 Trinity United Methodist Church of Fellowship Hall Conway, SC 29526 William Helms (843) 248-4087	Lions Club David Thomas (843) 248-9430
	Conway Jaycees 3703 Highway 905 Conway, SC 29526 (843) 248-5200
Conway Area Chamber of Commerce PO Box 831 Conway, SC 29526 (843) 248-2273	Magnolia Garden Club 427 Maplewood Circle Conway, SC 29526 Leigh Everette (843) 365-2327
Conway Rotary Club First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (843) 248-9400	Waccamaw Shrine Club 10 Elm Street Conway, SC 29526 (843) 248-9310
Pilot Club Tina Dickinson (843)913-1313	Waccamaw Audubon Society 103 Walnut Circle Conway, SC 29526 Jack Peachey (843) 347-5810
Waccamaw Lodge #321 533 Freemont Road Conway, SC 29526 (843) 399-0755	Carolina Forest Rotary Sunrise Club (843)234-9980 Kip McDowell



APPENDIX F POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

The potential responsible parties have been identified only as those of the Department of Defense.



APPENDIX G MEDIA LIST

NEWSPAPER:

Myrtle Beach Herald
4761 Hwy 501 West, Unit 3
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29579
Tel: (803) 626-3131
Fax: (803) 248-4860

North Myrtle Beach Times
203 Hwy 17 North Kings Highway
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29597
Tel: (843) 249-3525
Fax: (843) 249-7012

The Sun News
914 Frontage Road E
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843)626-8555

Horry Independent
2510 North Main
Conway, South Carolina 29528
Tel: (843)248-6882

RADIO STATIONS:

WDAI 98.5 KISS FM
11640 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC
Tel: (843) 651-7869

WLSC 1240 AM
Highway 701 South
Loris, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 756-1183

WEGX 92.9 FM
Dillion, SC
(843) 667-4600

WMIR-1200AM Atlantic Beach Gospel
Music
Atlantic Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 399-2653

WGTR Gator 107.9 FM
4841 Highway 17 Bypass
South Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
(843) 293-0107

WMYB Star 92.1 Soft Rock Favorites
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843)488-1041

WJXY 93.9 FM
Georgetown, South Carolina
(843) 651-7869

WEZV 105.9 and WYEZ 94.5 FM Relaxing
Favorites
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843)249-3441

WKZQ 101.7 FM
1116 Ocala Street
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
(843) 448-4739

WPJS 1330 AM Gospel
1720 Highway 501
Conway, South Carolina
Tel: (843)397-0093

WVCO The Surf 94.9
P.O. Box 3689
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
(843) 445-9491

WTAB 1370 AM
Tabor City, NC
Tel: (843) 445-9491



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WSYN –106.5 FM
11640 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina
(843)651-7869

WYNA Cool 104.9 and 100.7
3926 Wesley St Ste 301
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
(843)903-2665

WWSK 107.1 FM
4841 Highway 17 Bypass
South Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843)293-0107

WYAK 103.1 FM Grand Strand's Country
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577
(843)651-7869

WWXM Mix 97.7 FM
4841 Highway 17 Bypass
South Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577
(843)293-9797

TELEVISION STATIONS:

WBTW TV 13
101 McDonald Court
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 293-1301

WFXB- FOX 43 TV
3364 Huger Street
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 828-4300

WPDE-News Channel 15 and WWMB-TV21
2411 Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 448-9733

WMBF
918 Frontage Road East
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 839-9623



APPENDIX H POTENTIAL MEETING LOCATIONS

North Myrtle Beach Middle School
11240 Highway 90
Little River, South Carolina
Tel: (843) 399-6136

Carolina Forest Elementary School
285 Carolina Forest Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
(843)236-0001
Tel: (843) 236-0001

Staybridge Suites Myrtle Beach
303 Hard Rock Parkway
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843-903-4000)

Holiday Inn Myrtle Beach
101 Outlet Blvd
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843-236-1000)

All meeting facilities will be accessible to disabled individuals



**APPENDIX I
INFORMATION REPOSITORY LOCATIONS**

**Horry County Memorial Library
Conway**
801 Main Street
Conway, South Carolina
Tel: (843)915-7323
POC: Reference Desk

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

North Myrtle Beach Library
799 2nd Avenue
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843)249-4164
POC: Reference Desk

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Chapin Memorial Library
400 14nd Avenue North
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tel: (843)918-1275
POC: Reference Desk

Hours of Operation:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed



INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

Horry County Memorial Library	
Interim Removal Action & Construction Support (May 2000)	EE/CA (September 2003)
Time Critical Removal Action (December 2000)	MC Sampling Analysis & Evaluation (August 2006)
North Myrtle Beach Library	
Archives Search Report Findings (September 1995) (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers)	EE/CA Final (September 2009) (Parsons)
Final Removal Report, Time Critical Removal Action (December 2002) (Parsons)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range Open House – December 7, 2010 – North Myrtle Beach Middle School
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers EE/CA Public Review Meeting- April 21, 2004 - North Myrtle Beach High School	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers EE/CA Public Review Meeting – April 20, 2010 - Carolina Forest Elementary School
Chapin Memorial Library	
Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites Ordinance and Explosives (September 1995)	Final Work Plan EE/CA Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, SC (1999)
Final Work Plan EE/CA Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, SC. (July 1999)	Final Work Plan EE/CA 1 Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, South Carolina (July 1999)
Restoration Advisory Board Work Plan (April 2000)	Final Removal Report Time Critical Removal Action Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, South Carolina (2002)
Final EE/CA Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, South Carolina (2003)	Final Work Plan - Interim Removal Action and Construction Support. [Addendum to] Work Plan EE/CA Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, South Carolina.
Final Draft EE/CA Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, Conway, South Carolina (2002)	
Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range Restoration Meeting Tuesday- August 1, 2000 - North Myrtle Beach High School.	EE/CA Public Review Meeting – April 21, 2004 - North Myrtle Beach High School
EE/CA Public Review Meeting – April 20, 2004 - Carolina Forest Elementary School	EE/CA Meeting - September 13, 2002 – North Myrtle Beach High School
EE/CA Meeting - September 12, 2002 – Carolina Forest Elementary School	Restoration Advisory Board Work Plan: Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range Open House Conway, South Carolina (April 2000)
Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range Open House- December 8, 1999 - Carolina Forest Elementary School	Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range Open House - December 7, 1999 - North Myrtle Beach Middle School



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Conway, SC 29526

Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation
Laura Townsend
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Conway, South Carolina 29526
(843)347-4604

Conway City Council
Conway City Hall
P.O. Box 1075
Conway SC 29528-1075
(843)248-1760

Myrtle Beach City Council
P.O. Box 2468
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
(843)918-1000

Myrtle Beach National Golf Course
4900 National Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC
(843)347-3333

International Paper Company
3 Paragon Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645
(201)391-1776



APPENDIX K PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TOOLS

Advertisement Announcing RAB

US Army Corps of Engineers Solicits
Interest to Serve on the Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range
Restoration Advisory Board

Charleston, SC XX, 2000 – The US Army Engineering District, Charleston will establish Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) ordnance and explosive investigation and removal activities.

The local community is encouraged to participate in the RAB, which is a forum for exchange between government agencies and the Horry County community of information relating to ordnance removal activities at the former Conway BGR.

Community Interest Forms are available at the following project information repositories: Horry County Library, Conway, North Myrtle Beach Library, and the Chapin Memorial Library. All forms must be completed and returned no later than XX, 2000.

All information regarding the RAB and the on-going ordnance and explosive removal activities at the former Conway BGR are available for review at the information repositories.

The initial Conway BGR RAB meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on XXX, 2000 at [location to be determined].

For additional information, please contact David Rich, US Army Engineer District, Charleston, and Public Affairs Office at (843)743-2798 (Zapata Engineer 2000).



**COMMUNITY INTEREST FORM
FOR FORMER
CONWAY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE**

Conditions for Membership:

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Members are volunteering to serve one two-year term and attend all RAB meetings. Duties and responsibilities include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program at the former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range. Technical experts will be made available to the RAB. Members will be expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB. RAB community members can initially expect to devote approximately two hours every month to support the RAB. RAB members will receive no compensation for their service.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Home Phone:

Fax/e-Mail:

Name of Nominated Individual:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

1. Are you affiliated with any group related to the environmental restoration activities ongoing at the former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range? If yes, list the group and your position.
2. Briefly state why you would like to participate on the RAB.
3. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with a common goal?
4. Are you interested in serving as Chair of the Restoration Advisory Board?
5. Are you willing to voluntarily serve on the RAB?
 - a. Yes, I am willing to serve.



6. By submitting this form, you are indicating that you are aware of the time commitment that this appointment will require of you.

In order for us to ensure that the RAB memberships consist of diverse community members and reflects the community interests, we would appreciate the following information (which will be kept confidential):

Male: _____ Female: _____

Race: _____

Age: _____

Occupation: _____

If you are selected for the Board, will you be representing and interested group or other organization, or will you be serving as an individual member?

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

Authority: 10 U.S. Code (USC) 2705(c) and 42 USC 9620(f), state and local participation in cleanup of federal facilities. Principal Purpose: To identify members of the local community who are interested in participation in the RAB.

Routine Uses: The requested information will be used to develop a list of interested persons from which the community members of the RAB will be selected. The information will also be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to contact individuals who are selected. Disclosure of the requested information is voluntary. Failure to provide all the requested information may prevent selection to the RAB.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Please submit the Community Interest Form to ZAPATA ENGINEERING. A Selection Panel will review the application forms and recommend nominees to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Manger. Mail to:

Suzy Cantor-McKinney
ZAPATAENGINEERING, P.A
1100 Kenilworth Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28204

Draft by laws was submitted in the Community Relation Plan for the RAB. The Restoration Advisory Board Work Plan was then created and submitted in April 2000.



COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W): _____

1. A Remedial Investigation (RI) is being conducted to determine the nature and extent of Munitions Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard (MPPEH) remaining on property that was once Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, located in Bibb, Twiggs, and Jones Counties near Macon, Georgia. Have you heard about this RI? If so, do you remember when and how you learned of it?

Answer: _____

2. What special interests or concerns do you have about the Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range or the investigation?

Answer: _____

3. What is your relationship to the former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range or how are you in contact with the property (e.g. property owner, community member, are you a member of a group that uses the property)?

Answer: _____

4. Have you seen an ordnance item or what you thought might be an ordnance item on the former camp property? If so, please describe the location.

Answer: _____

5. Have any of your friends or neighbors talked with you to express interest or concern about the investigation, and if so, what were their concerns?



Answer: _____

6. If you had a question or concern, what would you do? Is there someone you would call or contact?

Answer: _____

7. Would you be interested in joining a mailing list to receive fact sheets and other general information about this investigation?

Answer: Yes _____ No _____

8. How does the community receive information about local events and news (i.e. radio, television, newspapers, and internet)?

Answer: _____

9. Other than the mailing list, what other ways can the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide you with information and better involve you in the decision-making process at the former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range?

Answer:
Newspaper(s) _____
Radio/TV _____
Information Repository (suggested location) _____
Community Hotline _____
Community Meetings (suggested time and place) _____
Formal Briefings _____
FUDS Property Visits _____
Restoration Advisory Boards _____
Other _____

10. How frequently would you like to receive information?

Answer: _____



Monthly _____

Bi-monthly _____

Quarterly _____

Annually _____

Whenever events warrant _____

Other _____

11. Can you suggest anyone else (friend, neighbor, group, informal or formal leader) that we should contact or who might want to be included on the mailing list?

Answer: _____

12. Is there anything else you would like to mention that we have not talked about?

Answer: _____



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TOOLS

EXAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

FAX

To: (Publication)

From: *Shawn A. Boone*
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
E-mail: Shawn.A.Boone@usace.army.mil
Voice: (843)329-8052

Date: *May 13, 2009*

Subject: *Public Notice*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host an “Open House” Public meeting concerning an upcoming ordnance investigation on property that was once Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range on Friday, 20 March 2009. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Myrtle Beach, located at 101 Outlet Blvd, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (843-236-1000). The “Open House” will begin at 5:00 p.m. and is expected to last three hours.

Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range was established in 1942 as part of the Myrtle Beach General BGR. Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range was used by the Army Air Corps and Air Force during WWII as a training base the government relinquished ownership 1948. The Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range encompassed an area of 55,854 acres in Horry County.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Charleston District, along with USACE Huntsville Engineering and Support Center and EOD Technology, Inc., a private contractor, will perform an ordnance investigation at the former camp area later this year. The investigation is designed to determine the presence and extent of ordnance and explosives items remaining in the former camp area, and to make recommendations for future actions based on the results.



EXAMPLE INVITATION LETTER

An example of the invitation letter can be found on the following page.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF CESAC-PM-M

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

January 7, 2008

Programs and Project
Management Division

Georgetown County Council
Post Office Drawer 421270
Georgetown, SC 0

Subject: Technical Project Planning (TPP) Meeting on the Former Conway Bombing Range

Dear Georgetown County Council:

You are cordially invited to participate in a Technical Project Planning (TPP) workshop concerning the Former Conway Bombing Range on January 24, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Comfort Suites, located at 2480 U.S. Hwy 501 East, Conway, South Carolina (843-347-9292). The meeting will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have enclosed, for your information, a fact sheet that includes a map showing the location of the meeting.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville Engineering and Support Center and EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT), a private contractor, will perform an ordnance investigation at the former camp area. The investigation is designed to determine the presence and extent of ordnance and explosives items remaining in the former camp area, and to make recommendations for future actions based on the results. This investigation is a part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program – Formerly Used Defense Site Program (DERP-FUDS).

The Former Conway Bombing Range encompasses approximately 55,000 acres located three miles southwest of Conway, SC, in Horry County. The site was established in 1942 as part of the Myrtle Beach General Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR). The Army Corps and Air Force used the BGR during World War II.

The TPP process is a systematic and detailed planning tool designed to integrate stakeholder perspectives into project decision making. Your input will enable us to make effective project decisions in the best public interest and scope project activities.

I hope to see you at our meeting. If you cannot attend and would like more information about the project, or you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact me at (843) 329-8052 or dennis.mckinley@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William M. Peave".

for Dennis McKinley
Project Manager



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Charleston District
Dennis F. McKinley, CESAC-PM-M
69-A Hagood Ave.,
Charleston S.C. 29403-5107

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Georgetown, SC 0



EXAMPLE FACT SHEET

An example of the Fact Sheet can be found on the following page.

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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Charleston District**

**Former Conway Bombing Range
FUDS Project**
Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
January 2008

Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program

Congress established the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program in 1986 to clean up properties that were formerly owned, leased, possessed, or used by the Army, Navy, Air Force, or other defense agencies. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the FUDS Program.

The FUDS property, known as the Former Conway Bombing and Gunnery Range, encompasses approximately 55,000 acres located three miles southwest of Conway, SC in Horry County.

Site History

The Former Conway Bombing Range was established in 1942 as part of the Myrtle Beach General Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR). The BGR contained Ranges II, III, IV and XX of the Myrtle Beach General BGR as well as a moving target range, two turret ranges, a machine gun range and a rifle range. Range II was used for practice bombing, skip bombing, parafrag bombing and rocket firing. Range III was used for practice, demolition, dive, and skip bombing only. Range XX was used for rocket firing, strafing, and air ammunition.

Units from Myrtle Beach General BGR (later Myrtle Beach Army Airfield), Columbia Army Air Base, Greenville Army Air Base, Florence Army Air Field, Morris Field and Charleston Army Air Base utilized Conway BGR throughout WWII. On June 22, 1948, 19,246 acres owned by the Government in fee were transferred to War Assets Administration and eventually sold. By October 1948 leases on the remaining 36,608 acres were terminated and returned to the original owners.

Today, most of the former Conway BGR is owned by private entities and is used mainly for timber harvesting, agriculture, residential and recreational purposes. The two largest landowners are the International Paper Realty Corporation and the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

Ordnance Investigation

As part of the FUDS Program, the Corps has investigated the presence and extent of unexploded ordnance and explosive items on property within the Former Conway Bombing Range boundaries. The Corps' Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., and EOD Technology, Inc., a private contractor, have worked together on the ordnance investigation known as a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for this site.

The RI/FS is designed to characterize site conditions, determine the nature of hazardous waste, assess risk of human health and the environment, and to conduct feasibility study to understand the appropriateness of response action.

Early stages of the RI/FS are designed to effectively scope the project which includes review of preexisting data from previous investigations such as the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis and Removal Actions.

Once complete, the RI/FS will propose response alternatives for the ordnance contamination.

Questions or Comments

If you have questions about the Former Conway Bombing Range project or the FUDS Program, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District Public Affairs Office at (843) 329-8123.

Safety and Unexploded Ordnance

If you find any item that you suspect might be ordnance, **DO NOT DISTURB IT**. Notify local law enforcement officials immediately. Note the location of the suspicious item but never touch, move, or disturb the item. Ordnance, regardless of its age or physical shape, can be dangerous.

Remember the 3Rs of Unexploded Ordnance Safety:

- Recognize -- what may be UXO**
- Retreat -- safely leave the area**
- Report -- call 911**