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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) in a portion of your community which lies within the FUDS Former Camp Beale. The purpose of the RI/FS is to characterize the nature and extent of potential munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and/or explosives safety hazards and the potential munitions constituent risk (MC) at the FUDS Former Camp Beale in order to develop, evaluate, and comparatively analyze potential remedial alternatives, if applicable.

The USACE believes that meaningful involvement of community members will help ensure the success of this investigation effort. This interview is an opportunity for you provide information on ways the USACE can engage the community most effectively. Please know we respect your privacy and the information you provide will to us will remain anonymous.

Background

- 1. What do you know about the munitions investigations around the FUDS Former Camp Beale (history, past activities, current efforts)?**
- 2. What/who is your primary source for information relating to past investigations and removals or the current investigation (person, group, location, web site)?**
- 3. Have you ever attended a Restoration Advisory Board or community meeting hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), interacted with USACE staff in the community, or contacted USACE for information? Why or why not?**
- 4. What is your overall opinion of the FUDS Former Camp Beale project?**
- 5. How did you come to form this opinion?**

Concerns

- 6. What are your concerns, if any, in relation to the FUDS Former Camp Beale project (technical, physical, social, economic, and/or legal)? If so, please describe.**

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7. What do you see as possible community concerns (technical, physical, social, economic, and/or legal)?

Information Accessibility

8. Do you feel you have been adequately informed about the FUDS Former Camp Beale project and previous investigations relating to the FUDS Former Camp Beale?
9. Are you interested in obtaining more information about the FUDS Former Camp Beale project than what is currently available?
10. What is it that you are interested in learning more about (history, munitions, removal efforts, remedial investigation process)?
11. What do you think the community is interested in knowing?
12. How do you prefer to get information about the project when you are looking for it?
 - a. Methods to access project information will include:
 - i. Contacting the project Liaison, Public Affairs Specialist, Randy Gon,
 - ii. Contacting the California Department of Toxic Substances,
 - iii. Visiting the Camp Beale FUDS project Website, and/or
 - iv. Visiting the Information Repository.
13. How do you prefer to receive new information about the Camp Beale FUDS Cleanup project when USACE has updates to provide to the community?
 - a. Possible outreach methods include:
 - i. Door-to-door outreach/door-hangers,
 - ii. Fact sheets,
 - iii. Email updates,
 - iv. Postings to a dedicated website,
 - v. Mailed letters outlining recently completed project activities and upcoming proposed work,
 - vi. Public Meetings/Open Houses,
 - vii. Restoration Advisory Board meetings,
 - viii. Public notices posted via news outlets,
 - ix. Information sent to local organizations.

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- 14. How frequently would you like to receive information (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, annually, whenever events warrant it, other)?**
- 15. Are there other methods the USACE team could utilize to make information easily accessible to the community (web forums, local/civic organizations, postings to a dedicated website)? If so, please explain and provide detailed information.**
- 16. How can the USACE most effectively reach part-time residents and/or absentee owners of property located in the cleanup site?**
- 17. What is your favorite local newspaper, TV station, and radio station?**
- 18. Is there a local activist or group focused on the FUDS Former Camp Beale project?**

Community Involvement

- 19. Would you like to be more involved in the project in any way beyond receiving information and updates?**
- 20. Do you think the community would like more involvement?**
- 21. What is the best way to get your/the community's participation? (Mark the one you most prefer)**
- Providing opportunities for you to give written comments about the site.
 - Holding public meetings where you can voice your comments about the site.
 - Providing opportunities for you to meet and talk informally with project staff.
 - Providing a toll free telephone number you can call with your comments.
 - Forming a community group called a Restoration Advisory Board to discuss citizens' concerns with project representatives.

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_____ **Providing opportunities for you to talk with independent experts.**

_____ **Other** _____

22. Would you be interested being part of a community Restoration Advisory Board with meetings held twice a year?

23. What is the best location to hold community meetings?

24. What day of the week is best to hold community meetings/open houses?

25. Who else in the community would you suggest we speak with?

26. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns about the FUDS Former Camp Beale project?

Thank you again for your participation in this process. You are welcome to contact us any time with your questions and/or concerns by contacting Randy Gon, USACE Liaison, by phone: (916) 557-5123. Please submit answers to SPK-PAO@usace.army.mil .