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## ***Ninth mortar shell found Monday during former Camp Sibert Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup***

**Gadsden, Alabama** — Parsons employees under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unearthed a 4.2-inch diameter mortar shell Monday at 8:20 a.m., while working at Site 8 on the former Camp Sibert as part of a planned Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup.

The unexploded ordnance contractor personnel performed the initial identification.

The onsite members of 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) x-rayed the round and determined it contained liquid. The TE personnel packed and transported the round to the secure interim holding facility on Camp Sibert where it will be stored until a final assessment is made at a later date as part of the cleanup process.

The safety plan went into effect immediately, and state and local officials were notified of the find.

The work at Site 8 started in April 2006, and numerous pieces of ordnance as well as cultural debris such as horseshoes and fence wire have been excavated. It will take approximately two years to complete the work.