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Two mortar shells found Wednesday during former Camp Sibert Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup

Gadsden, Alabama — Parsons employees under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unearthed two 4.2-inch diameter mortar shells April 18 while working at Site 8 on the former Camp Sibert as part of an ongoing Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup.

The unexploded ordnance contractor personnel performed the initial identification.

The members of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) X-rayed the rounds and determined they contained liquid. The TE personnel packed and transported the rounds to the secure interim holding facility on former Camp Sibert where they 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.

This FUDS cleanup has unearthed 15 mortar rounds as well as numerous pieces of ordnance and cultural debris such as horse shoes and fence wire since it began in April 2006. It will take approximately two years to complete the work at Site 8.