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Mortar shell found Tuesday during a Camp Sibert Formerly Used Defense Site evaluation destroyed on site today

Gadsden, Alabama — Parsons employees under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unearthed a non-chemical 4.2-inch mortar yesterday at approximately 10:34 a.m. while evaluating Site 17 as part of the ongoing former Camp Sibert Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup.

“The mortar was successfully destroyed without incident on site shortly after noon today,” said Pat Robbins, chief of Mobile District public affairs. “The detonation plan called for placing sandbags over the round to ensure that the blast pressure will not be felt and that fragments will not be released in the area. All that was left, was a hole in the ground.”

Representatives from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Transportation Hazardous Material team observed the event.